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February 13, 1900.

Hon. George W. Ray,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for yur courteous reply to my request for a copy of your speech on the Roberts case, and in the absence of a copy in pamphlet form I shall avail myself of your reference to the Record for the same.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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February 13, 1900.

Hon. Page Morris,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your courteous reply to my request for a copy of your speech on the Roberts case, and in the absence of a copy in pamphlet form I shall avail myself of your reference to the Record of January 30th for the same. Again thanking you I am,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 13,1900.

Hon. Charles E. Littlefield,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Accept my thanks for your kind response to my request for a copy of your speech on the Roberts case, just received in pamphlet form.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

I expect to have it bound up, with others on the same subject, for preservation

February 13, 1900

Hon. A. L. Brick,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I desire to thank you for your kind response to my request for a copy of your speech on the Roberts case, just received in pamphlet form.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

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February 13, 1900.

Hon. Marriott Brosius,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I desire to thank you for your kind response to my request for a copy of your speech on the Roberts case, just received in pamphlet form.

Very truly yours,
General Agent, &c.

February 13,1900.

Hon. David E. Johnston,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your kind response to my request for a copy of your speech on the Roberts case, received in pamphlet form.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

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February 13, 1900.

Hon. R. H. Fraser,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Accept my thanks for your kind response to my request for a copy of your speech on the Roberts case, just received in pamphlet form.

Very truly yours,
General Agent, &c.

Washington D.C. Feb 13 900

Mr A. S. Calder
209 Quince St. Phil^a^ Pa

Dear Sir

Enclosed find my Check for $50. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return it to me.

Your friend Mr Huston is trying to raise the Money for the Completion of the work

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington Feb 14 900

Mr Herbert B. Hubllay
Seattle Wash

Dear Sir

I enclose you the deed for Lots 18, 19 & 20 Blk 2 Craven's add of Green Lake Add to Seattle.

With regard to Lots in Pitners Division of Green Lake Add. I do not care to sell unless upon consultation with a reliable Real Estate Agt you advise it.

I am not needing the money now, and if there is a reasonable prospect that the lots will advance in price in the near future, why is it not better for me to hold on to them? I leave it to your judgement when I had better sell & at what price.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

February 15, 1900

Mr. Danial Kahshakes,

Saxman, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of January 30th is received and I am very glad to hear from you. I have read very carefully what you say. I want to say, first, that you are mistaken with regard to Edward Marsden; he is a regular Minister just the same as a white man. He was educated among the whites away off in the States, and is just the same as Rev. Mr. McClelland of Sitka, or Rev. Mr. Austin, or Rev. Mr. Corser, of Wrangel, or Rev. Mr. Gould of Jackson, all the same; and because he was born in Alaska is no reason why he is not as good as the other men.

We thought we would give you the best Minister there was in the Territory, one that knew as much as the white men, and also knew how your people felt and what your people need. And I say frankly to you that you cannot get a better Minister than Edward Marsden. When Edward Marsden goes off to preach in other places, why the people must come together and either have Mr. James Young lead the meeting or his wife, or one of yourselves lead the meeting

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Judge up at Sitka wrote me that he had appointed Mr. Young a Commissioner, and Mr. Young can punish the men that sell whiskey or that buy whiskey and get drunk. Mr. Young and Edward will both help the people keep whiskey out and break up the old Indian ways, as you and others who feel that way must help them; they cannot do it all alone. The buying and selling of whiskey is against the law and some of these days some of these men will be carried off to Sitka and put in prison. They had better let whiskey alone.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time that I can be of help to you.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 15, 1900.

Rev. M. D. Mc Clelland,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Mc Clelland:

Yours of January 31 notifying me of the annual meeting of the Presbytery at Sitka April 6th, is received with thanks. I assure you that it would give me very great pleasure, pleasure more than I can tell, to be present at the meeting, but this is impossible. Assure the breth~~r~~ren of the deep interest I take in their work and willingness at all times to co-operate and assist in any way possible. I often remember them in my prayers. I was very glad to hear from Mr. Kelly of the restoration to health of your wife. Remember me kindly to her.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

February 15, 1900.

Rev. Thomas Thompson, D. D.,
1247 North Capitol St.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Thompson:

I have written a letter of recommendation to the Director of the 12Th Census in your behalf. Do you wish me to forward the recommamendations of which you enclosed copies to me. Your letter would seem to indicate that, but I ~~did~~ do not see the need of sending in copies as you have probably sent in the originals.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

February 15, 1900.

To the Director of the 12th Census
Of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Honorable and Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to add my testimonial to the value of Mr. Thomas Thompson. I have known him for about 25 years. Was familiar with his work as teacher among the Mexicans in New Mexico many years ago. He was also connected with the Union Army during the Civil War. I think that as he understands the Mexican Language, he would be very valuable , especially through Southern Colorado, New Mexico Arizona, Southern Texas, and Southern California, where there is a large Mexican population. You will find him very efficient in any situation in which you may place him.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
U. S. General Agent of Education
for Alaska.

February 15, 1900

Mrs. William Thaw,

P. O. Box 1086,

Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Thaw:

You remember that last spring I wrote you with reference to the expense of enlarging the school and Church room at St. Lawrence Island and you wrote me that you would take half the expense. I secured the other half from the Board. The bill, including the lumber, hardware, insurance and freight, amounted to $310.21, and one half of it amounts to $155.10 When convenient will you, not later than April 1st send me a check for that amount?

I wrote you in the fall that I had been unable to secure a carpenter and had seen that the lumber and materials were safely stored away. I hope to be able this coming summer (D. V.) to secure the enlargement. I do not know however what I am going to do for a Missionary for this year. Dr. Gambell feels that he ought to return to the States and find a wife before he settles down at St. Lawrence Island, and there is a little doubt growing in my mind whether he will not ultimately decline to go altogether. If I only knew that he would decline eventually I could go ahead and find some other ; but if he is willing and expecting to go to St. Lawrence Island in 1901 I would dislike to place another in the field and crowd him out, as I consider him unusually well fitted for such special work.

Hoping that you and yours continue well, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 15, 1900

Mrs. Michael A. Healy,
Hotel Nicholas,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mrs. Healy:

Your letter of January 7th came to hand when I was under pressure of finishing my annual reindeer report and at the close of that was called over to New York, so that I have not been able to answer you promptly as I would have like.

I fully appreciate the injustice that has been done your husband and will be glad to give such assistance to him as I can. I have however very little influence in the Treasury Department and practically none at all in the Assignment of Captains. If anything turns up where I can do anything I will gladly do it, and I presume that Lieutenant Jarvis, who is now in Washington, will keep track of the run of things and ~~might~~ will know whenever there is anything that I can do with him that will help the Captain. I will be glad in that way to reciprocate some of the Captain's assistance to me in the past, and also for his kindness in writing to the Commissioner of Education in my behalf when I was so violently and unjustly assailed by a portion of the Alaska press last summer. Please remember me very kindly to the Captain and to your son Fred.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

February 16, 1900.

Miss Annia Von Holland,
Glendale College,
Glendale, Ohio.

Madam:

Yours of the 14th is received and I will turn it over to the President of the College. Although a trustee I have no special control of the appointments of the faculty.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson

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February 16, 1900

Hon. Robert W. Tayler, M. C.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Yours of February 15th together with copies of evidence and reports, and your address in the Robert's Case are received. I thank you very much for them and will have them bound up for preservation and future reference.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

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February 19,1900.

Rev. George F. McAfee,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAfee,

Much obliged for information with regard to the postponement of the Reception. I had already heard of it through a letter from Dr. Thompson to Governor Brady.

On February 15th I wrote Mrs. Thaw with regard to half the cost of improvements at St. Lawrence Island and on the 16th Miss L. Coe, Mrs. Thaw's secretary, returned me the letter with the information that Mrs. Thaw had gone abroad for two months and left strict orders that no letters were to be forwarded to her but to return each to the writer. Mrs. Thaw sails for home about April 5th after which time I will try again.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 19, 1900.

Hon. Edgar Wilson, M. C.,
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Please accept thanks for your pamphlet copy of your address of January 24th on the Roberts case.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 19, 1900.

Hon. Henry D. Green, M. C.
House of Representatives U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Yours of February 9th is received and I thank you for the information with regard to your address in the Roberts case.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 19, 1900

Mr. Arthur C. Jackson,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

With regard to your appointment as Commissioner to the Paris Exposition I will do what I can, but have very little hope of accomplishing anything. The fact is the commissionerships to Paris are so eagerly sought by prominent leaders of the party that I do not think any one else has the slightest chance, so that if your friends do not succeed it is not because they did not try but because they had no chance of succeeding from the start.

I return you the letters of Mr. Dingley and Mr. Porter as perhaps you can use them to better effect than I.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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February 19, 1900.

Rev. George Norcross, D. D.,

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 16th instant is received, and I am willing to come on at night in accordance with your request. I will probably reach Harrisburg early in the afternoon.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 20,1900.

Mr. Regnor Dahl,

Fourth Avenue, W & Mercer Sts.,

Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Dahl:

Yours of February 15th is received. I have been intending to write you for several days but pressure of other business has prevented.

During Mr. Kjellmann's stay here we went over your account very thoroughly and I find that there is nothing owing you. This account of course is made up on the basis of $50 a month, and also on the basis that there was no salary for July 1898. With regard to the salary for July 1898 I am very definite that no arrangement was made by which you were to be paid for that month. When you were paid up to June 30, I supposed that your connection with the War Department had terminated; you had accepted an appointment by Mr. Richardson for the postal service, and as you were going to Alaska supposably in his interest, I thought it would be convenient to you and a convenience to us to give you your passage to Alaska in return for such oversight of the Lapps as might be necessary while en route. After you reached Alaska and it began to be apparent that Mr. Richardson might fail , and while you were waiting to ascertain that, Mr. Kjellmann employed you at $50 a month. According to his report you commenced work August 1st, and closed November 30th, making four months. But at the time of making out the War Department check I was under the impression that your service was for three months, covering from August 1st to October 31st. As you had been on the pay roll previous to July 1st, and as it would save much explanation and enable you to get your pay much sooner I changed the time from "August 1st to October 31st" to "July 1st to September 30th," making the same time. How the three months came to be made out at $75 per month, I do not know. It was however a mistake. Since returning to Washington I have seen the pay roll at the War Department and you are put down at $50 per month and rations.

In balancing your accounts I learned that you had served for four months instead of three, and at $50 instead of $75 per month; and you were paid accordingly.

I return you the duplicate receipts for signing as your account has all been settled. This is to make the matter uniform with the receipts given by the Norwegians and Lapps. We already have your receipt in full in another form.

I am very sorry for this misunderstanding on your part, as I took great interest in both you and your family. Remember me kindly to your wife and children.

And if at any time in the future I can be of assistance to you do not ~~fail~~ hesitate to call upon me

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Enclosure.

Note In regard to what you write concerning Mr Kjellmann. While I ~~can~~ have not the information to disprove all you say, yet I know in some of your statements you have been misinformed For instance that Mr K was paid $1000 before he would turn over the papers of the Lapland Expedition to the War Dept. Mr K turned over the papers, Accounts and Vouchers to me. And I have them all in my Office here. and no money was paid him for doing so.

Thus too with regard to the Supplies furnished from the Station, we have in our Office here full accounts. Knowing that you would not willfully accuse any one wrongfully I give you my testimony on these two points

Very Truly Yours

S. J.

February 20, 1900.

Rev. Charles H. Cook,

Sacaton, Arizona.

My dear Brother Cook:

I am very glad to receive your letter of February 14th and to hear of the additions to your Church.

I will see the Indian Commissioner with regard to the Water reservoir for the use of the Pima people. I have felt much interest in the matter ever since it has been talked about, but am not in a position to do personal work myself - but I will however speak to a few Members of Congress on the subject. I would suggest to you to write a full statement of the matter to the Rev. George L. Spinning, D.D., South Orange, New Jersey. Dr. Spinning some years ago when an injustice was being done the Nez Perces Tribe, took hold of the matter and righted it, and I think that he is the best man to help you that I know of out of Congress. Tell him the whole story and the condition of things. I will also write him on the subject.

I suppose your children have grown up to manhood and womanhood since I was at your place. Remember me very kindly to them. Mrs. Jackson would send regards if she knew that I was writing. We often speak with interest of you and your people away back in the '70s. We have followed your course with much interest and prayer ever since.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 21, 1900.

Mr. Arthur C. Jackson,
President Alaska Geographical Society,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I have the promise of the chairman of the Printing Committee, that the Reindeer Report for 1899, will shortly be ordered printed by Congress. The Report without the illustrations for binding up in your Geographical Magazine, can probably be had for $\$10.^{oo}$ or $\$12.^{oo}$ a thousand copies. The map the same size as last year can be struck off at the rate of about $\$15.^{oo}$ a thousand.

If you wish either or both of the above, please forward me the money as I can do nothing at the Government Printing Office without cash in advance. I should further say that the $\$10.^{oo}$ or $\$12.^{oo}$ rate does not include the Appendix to my Report simply the report itself.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

P. S. I return you the notice of your work as you may wish to use it in some other direction.

February 23, 1900.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Agriculture.

Dear Sir:

One of the colored employes of this Bureau has solicited me to apply to you to ask if it is consistent with your rules to send a few vegetable seeds to the addresses of the three colored persons named below, who are living in the South, and who he says will greatly appreciate the favor.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Mrs. S. B. Morrison,	Tuscaloosa,	Alabama.
Mr. M. B. Morton, Postmaster,	Athens,	Georgia.
Mrs. Fannie Delroch,	Waynesville,	Georgia.

February 23, 1900.

Prof. L. O. Howard,

Secretary of American Association for the
Advancement of Science,

Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please accept thanks for your Circular of February 15th, and also for your kind offer to nominate me for election as a member of the Society. I have had several offers of a similar nature but have declined uniting with the societies for two reasons: First, my time is so fully taken up with other matters that I have no time whatever to give to additional societies. Instead of uniting with new societies I have been compelled to sever my connection with those which I joined some time ago ~~and~~ when I had more time to take an active interest in their affairs. In the second place, my finances are such that I cannot afford the annual dues in so many institutions.

Again thanking you for your courtesy I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 24, 1900.

Hon. Herbert Putnam,
Librarian of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend to you Miss Ella W. Miller, of Morrison, Illinois, who is a candidate for a clerkship in the Catalogue Department of the Congressional Library.

Miss Miller is a young woman of earnest Christian character, and has been a most successful teacher in the public schools of Illinois, and in the Mission Schools of Utah.

I am confident that her appointment would insure to the Library the service of a conscientious, faithful, and efficient clerk.

Respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Gen'l. Ag't. of Education in Alaska

Feb 22nd 1900

Mr Thomas Cochran
Saint Paul Minn

My dear Friend

Can you explain why it is, that notwithstanding the spoken & written pledges of both yourself and Mr Kron, that I can not procure regular quarterly statements from your firm of my affairs? Your last statement Dec 1st 1898 None have been made [illegible]. Jan 1st 1900 another was due, which has not yet been received. In fact I do not recall a single Quarterly statement in the last few years, that has been sent without my calling for it.

If you do not care to attend my business sufficiently to make out such statements let me know it & I will try to make other arrangements.

In Washington I receive a monthly statement from my agent.

But I was not going [illegible] on [illegible] the letter, but with reference to your note of $2 [illegible] I can not let it run longer without receiving the interest. As you well know the collection of the Melby note and the appropriation of that & other funds of mine by the firm of Cochran & Walsh was embezzlement.

The fact that I did not invoke the aid of the law in the matter should make you [illegible] 2

Consider it a preferred debt, which you would undertake to cancel before any others. I can not allow it to run longer without payment of at least the interest.

I am sorry to be compelled to thus write you, but I feel that you are not dealing justly with me.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

February 26, 1900.

Hon. J. M. Thurston,

U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:

It is desirable that before your Sub-Committee take any action on the H. R. Amendment 7433, that a hearing be had by Rev. C. L. Thompson, D.D., LL.D., Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and other gentlemen of note. Can you set a time when an audience can be had? Dr. Thompson may be accompanied by Hon. Darwin R. James, Col. J.J. Mc Cook, Hon. John W. Foster, and other prominent men.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 26, 1900

Mr. Herbert B. Huntley,
Rooms 13 and 15, Haller Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Yours of February 20th is received and I hasten to send you the deed.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Enclosure.

February 26, 1900.

Mr. Joseph M. Huston,
Architect,
1319 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Doctor Gordon informs me that you have the ground plans of the College laid out and ~~were~~ are simply waiting the blue prints from Salt Lake in order to give a front view of the building. Kindly send the ground plans to me when they are ready and then we will either send them direct to Salt Lake or return them to you to send to Salt Lake, as you prefer.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 26, 1900.

Rev. C. L. Thompson, D.D.,
Board of Home Missions,
145 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Yours of February 24th is received: I had a letter dated the last of October from a Swedish Missionary at Nome who had just returned from calling on Dr. Young. He did not intimate that the Doctor was dangerously ill. I hope that we will hear he is all right in a few weeks as a mail is expected overland from Nome to Katmai on Shellikof Straits, just west of Kadiak Island, and the Sitka mail steamer has orders to call and get it.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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February 26, 1900.

My dear Tumasock:

Your letter of February 23d is received and I am very sorry to hear that you have been so sick. I hope to come to Carlisle at the Commencement, March 14th, and then I will come and see you. I am glad that Annabuck comes to see you often. It must be very lonely for you in the hospital.

I hope that you have learned to love the Lord Jesus Christ; you know He is the Children's friend - that when he was on earth he loved little ones so much that he used to take them up in his arms and bless them, and he loves you and wants you to love Him He has raised up these good friends for you who take such good care of you when you are sick. He will take care of you all your life if you love him, and when you come to die he will take you to Heaven where there is no sickness, but where everybody is well and strong and happy all the time. You ask your nurse to tell you stories of Jesus and how he loves you; but I think you know about him and I hope you pray to him every day to make you well, if it be his will. But whether he makes your body well or not, ask him to make your soul well so that you will be very happy even while you are sick. If you are well enough to travel next summer when I go to Alaska I will try to arrange so that you can go.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

February 26,1900.

Rev. G. A. Jackson,
St. James Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have just received notice from Mr. W. Scott, Secretary of the Library Post Committee, that there will be a hearing tomorrow at 10.30. I am much disappointed and regret to say that I have an engagement to make an address at Harrisburg tomorrow and expect to leave the city early in the morning - consequently will be unable to be present at the hearing.

You have my full support in the matter of securing so important legislation.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

February 26,1900.

Mr. W. Scott,

10 Hollis Street,

Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Scott:

Yours of the 23d is received and I am very sorry to learn ~~hour~~ that the hearing before the Committee of Postoffices and Post Roads is set for tomorrow, the 27th, as I am under a long standing engagement to make an address in Harrisburg, Pa, tomorrow, and consequently shall be out of the city. I will drop a line to Mr. Jackson at the St. James Hotel.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

A few weeks ago a friend sent me the question "What has H. M. done?" The reply that naturally suggests itself is that H.M. has sent the Gospel to the new settlements of the land as successively they have been established. Helped support the Minister in not only the new Settlements, but also in 7 feeble Churches of the older Settlements and through the Missionary has erected 7 churches and parsonages. To-day the new settlements it is true are in the Rocky Mountain States and Territories. In the Dakotas and far off Alaska, but let us not forget that 50 years ago Kansas and Nebraska and Minnesota were largely an unpeopled wilderness and the new Settlements were springing up in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. That 75 years ago they were in Michigan , Illinois and Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. That 100 years ago they were in Ohio, Washington , New York,, West Pennsylvania and Virginia. That 150 years ago large portions of the Atlantic States were Mission ground.

In 1719 the First Church of New York City solicited and received outside assistance. Do you ask me what has H. M. done? I reply affirmatively that Home Missions has given to the new Settlements Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran and other Evangelical Churches. Negatively, that but for Home Missions these churches would not be the large and influential churches that they are.

But while these results are the direct fruitage of Home Missions they by no means express the extent of Home Missions. Home Missions have given our country its Sabbath; has fostered schools and established colleges. Home Missions have created a healthful public sentiment, that has led to success and prospered us as a Nation above that of any other--- Progress like that of this land is only found where Christianity has largely influenced the masses, and in no other land have the masses been so influenced as this. And the result in this land is due to Home Missions.

But that is by no means the extent of Home Missions.

Home Missions through their Missionaries has fostered public schools and established Christian colleges.

What has Home Missions done?

1st. Sent the Gospel to New Settlements.
A. To-day New Settlements, States & Territories and Rocky Mountain States and Territories, and Alaska -
B. 50 years ago Dakotas, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa -
C. 75 years ago, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee -
D. 100 years ago, Michigan, Ohio, West Penna. & West New York -
E. 150 years ago, the Original 13 States on the Atlantic Coast.

The first recorded gift by the first Presbyterian Church being in 1719 to help the First Presbyterian Church in New York City.

What has Home Missions done? Home Missions have thus given the United States all its great Protestant Churches and has given the country a Sabbath.

2nd. Home Missions have fostered public schools and established Christian Colleges.

3d. Home Missions have created that healthful public sentiment that has led to success and has prospered us as a nation above all others.

4th. The same causes that have created this success are essential to its continuance - namely, Home Missions.

5th. We stand before a future vast and momentous, appealing -

6th. Great unrest in the masses -

7th. Rapid growth of socialism.

8th. The diverse elements pouring in upon us from all lands.

9th. The enlargement of our national boundaries -

10th. All these a call of God for stalwart men and women -

11th. For heroic giving

February 26, 1900.

Messrs. McCalla & Co.,

237 Dock Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:-

I return you by this mail the proof sheets which were received this morning. What is the matter with the type setting? I have had no galley proofs for over two weeks. The last galley which I have seen was Number 16. On the title page erase the date 1900 - leave it without date. You will find running through the pages a very few corrections or additions. I hope you can push it a little faster, as I may be called away to Alaska earlier in the spring than I had expected, and will be greatly inconvenienced if I do not receive it before I go- as well as you yourselves if I have to leave without payihg my bill. When convenient you might have the portrait illustration printed. You remember that I was proposing to writemy autograph on 100 copies. I guess you can let that go, and under the illustration just print the name. When you get the illustration on the press remember to send me samples of the form in which you propose printing extra copies to be mounted on card-board, like photographs, with price of the different kinds.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Feb 26th 1900

Mrs Jennie R Martin
Denver Colorado

My dear Friend
Yours of Feb 20th is received and contents noted.

You neglected to enclose a copy of that portion of your mother's will, which relates to the "$500"

Kindly send me a certified copy of the provision relating to the above, and if the terms admit, it will give me pleasure to take legal steps to ~~return~~ free you from the necessity of paying the $500.00

Mrs Jackson and Leslie send greeting. Delia is in New York keeping house for her Uncle, who recently lost his wife. Remember us all kindly to your brother.

Very truly yours.
Sheldon Jackson

February 28,1900.

Messrs. McCalla & Co.,
237 Dock Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of the 27th instant is received. In reply I would state that we will confine the edition to the 300 copies originally figured on, and paper similar to the sample book will be satisfactory. You will not neglect to erase the 1900 below your firm imprint.

I think it will be safer for you to send me another revise before you print, as there were a few corrections in the page proof. I will be through with them in half an hour after I receive them; consequently the delay in printing will not be over 24 hours.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

~~General Agent,~~ &c.

March 1, 1900.

Hon. David De Armond,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Accept thanks for a copy of your speech in pamphlet form with regard to the Roberts case. I will have it bound up for future reference.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 1, 1900.

Hon. C. B. Landis,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Please accept my thanks for a copy in pamphlet form of your speech on the Roberts case. I will have it bound up for future reference.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 1, 1900.

Miss Laura E. Gray,
18 Monroe Place,
Brooklyn, New York.

Madam:-

Yours of February 22nd asking the name of a Mission in Alaska where a flag would be acceptable, is received. In reply I give you the name of Professor William A. Kelly, Superintendent of the Industrial School at Sitka, Alaska. That school is the largest school for native Alaskans in the Territory and I am sure that a Flag from your Mission Band would be appreciated.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

The Cheapest way to send it is by Mail

March 1, 1900.

Public School Publishing Company,

Bloomington, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

Please accept thanks for your offer to place my name on the complimentary list of your Magazine. As my office is in the Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C., kindly substitute for mine the name of Professor William A. Kelly, Sitka, Alaska. Mr. Kelly as you know is the District Superintendent of Southeast Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 1, 1900.

Miss Julia Fraser,
916 Myrtle Street,
Oakland, California.

My dear Miss Fraser:

Yours of the 20th of February is received and I sent you Mr. Landis' speech, a copy of which I had on hand. I will try and get some Congressional Records as soon as I have time and send you.

Remember me very kindly to your father.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 1, 1900.

Mr. Elliott Lord,

Managing Editor,

National Political News Bureau,

18th Str. and Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Sir:-

Your letter of January 26th addressed to me at Sitka, has been to Sitka and returned to me at my office in Washington.

It is impossible at this date, with the unsettled and unorganized condition of things in Alaska to state when the ~~State~~ District Convention to elect delegates to the National Convention will be held. It is equally impossible to give the names of the probable delegates; to give you names of prominent men would be so much like guess-work as to impair any value that might otherwise attach to the list.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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March 1, 1900.

To

The President:

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend Mr. Arthur C. Jackson of the State of Washington, for an appointment as United States Assistant Commissioner-General, or other place in your gift to the Paris Universal Exposition of 1900.

Mr. Jackson while of the same name is not a kinsman of mine, but I have known him well and favorably for some time and believe him to be unusually equipped for the position named, or other as may be at your disposal requiring such qualifications as he may possess.

Trusting that you may have a position for him,

I am Sir,

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent for Education
in Alaska.

March 1, 1900.

Hon. F. W. Palmer,
The Public Printer,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Kindly mail to me at the Bureau of Education, this City, the following copies of the Congressional Record:

3 each of Numbers 1, 2 and 41; and

2 each of Numbers 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 36, together with bill for the same.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

226 Yates Ave.

March 2, 1900.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Mrs. James:

A few days ago a Congressman who is much interested in securing a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy, and yet is unwilling to have his name known at present, came to me and said that he wished those interested throughout the country might know that the present Congress did not propose to do anything in the matter. He is in a situation to test the sentiment of the House and also of the Judiciary Committee to whom the matter has been referred. He says that the inner feeling of Congress is that having expelled Roberts the country will be satisfied without their going any further; that the petitioners having sent in their petitions ~~[illegible]~~ not only for the expulsion of Mr. Roberts, but also for the constitutional amendment ~~[illegible]~~ were now quiet, supposing that they have done all that is necessary. On the contrary he says they will have to commence and do their work all over again if they are to accomplish anything in the way of securing a constitutional amendment. He suggests that in the matter of subscription to petitions that the ladies secure only voters and that the petitions be sent to the Congressmen in whose districts they are subscribed. There perhaps may be duplicate~~d~~ ~~the~~ petitions, one going to the Representative and the other to one of the U. S. Senators from the State. He further suggests that when men are nominated for the next Congress that the women of their district secure pledges from them before election that if elected they will vote for a constitutional amendment.

I fully agree with all his suggestions. I regret that it is necessary, but it does seem that, if anything is to be accomplished, the women must again gird on the armor and in God's strength take up the burden.

I find that there is very little confidence in the efficiency of Dr. Strong as head of the Reform League. He certainly forfeited the confidence of people in Washington who were watching the ~~matter all the~~ way ~~while~~ in which he handled the Roberts case. I think the true way is for the women through their various Home Missionary Societies of the different churches to push the work, ~~of~~ by the forming of a national interdenominational woman's society for this specific purpose.

With kind regards to your husband and family I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 2, 1900.

Mr. Jos. Stockton Roddy,

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The title of the bill for the construction of a reservoir for the Pima Indians is as follows: Amendment H. R. 7433, 56th Congress, 1st Session, and belongs to the Indian Appropriation Bill. The amendment is for the appropriation of $20,000 to investigate the making of a dam on the Gila River for a reservoir for the use of the Pima Indians of Arizona. There are about 4000 of these Indians, 1000 of whom are connected with the Presbyterian Church.

The petitions should be sent to the Congressmen of the district where they are signed.

Hoping that you may interest the Christian Endeavorers of Pennsylvania in the matter, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 2, 1900.

Mr. J. Frank Palmer,
811 Green Street,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The title of the bill for the construction of a reservoir for the Pima Indians is as follows: "Amendment H. R. 7433, 56th Congress, 1st Session," and belongs to the Indian Appropriation Bill. The amendment is for the appropriation of $20,000 to investigate the making of a dam on the Gila River for a reservoir for the use of the Pima Indians of Arizona. There are about 4000 of these Indians, 1000 of whom are connected with the Presbyterian Church.

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Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

81 Chambs St.

March 2, 1900.

Messrs. Leggett Brothers'
Book Store,
New York City.

My dar Sirs:

If you have a copy of "Otto," Kotzebue's Voyages", published in London, 1830; Bancroft's "Alaska," published in San Francisco, 1886; and "The Alaskan Princess" a novel, or either of them, plase let me know with price for the same.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 2, 1900.

Leary's Old Book Store,
No. 9, South Ninth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

If you have a copy of "Otto","Kotzebue's Voyages" published in London, 1830; Bancroft's "Alaska", published in San Francisco, 1886; and "The Alaskan Princess", a novel, or either of them please let me know, with price for the same.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 2, 1900.

Mrs. Alice Palmer Henderson,

Tacoma, Washington.

My dear Mrs. Henderson:

Yours of February 23d is received and I congratulate you most heartily on securing THE EDITORSHIP OF A HANDSOME MAGAZINE. ~~While~~ It will give me pleasure to do what I can to call the attention of my friends to the Magazine when it appears and hope thereby to secure you some subscriptions. I will also very gladly give you such assistance as I can render in the way of furnishing information any time. I hope that you will succeed in securing something from Admiral Dewey and also from President McKinley - it would certainly be a great feather in your cap. I have been out this forenoon visiting the second-hand book stores and cannot find a copy of either Kotzebue's work or Bancroft's Alaska, or The Alaskan Princess. The other book "Fraser's" something, I have been unable to decipher. At one of our largest second-hand book stores I found Sauer's Expedition, 1802 in Eastern Siberia, touching at a few ports on the Alaska Coast in the neighborhood of Bering Straits"; this is a large book which can be had for $3.50. I also found Vancouver's Voyages in six volumes for $18.00. This afternoon I [illegible] write to Leary's Old Book Store, No. 9 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, and to Leggett Brothers in New York to see if they [illegible] copy. Bancroft's Alaska was published in San Francisco in [illegible], and there should be plenty of copies on the Pacific Coast. Bancroft's work is Volume 33 of his series but are sold separately as well as with the set.

Please thank your husband for his defence of me and the [illegible]. You will be glad to know that the reindeer in Alaska are thriving and this fall when I left they had 2800 in the breeding herds.

My kind regards to your husband and to Serene.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 3, 1900.

Rev. George L. Spinning, D. D.,

South Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Doctor:

The hearing before the Indian Committee of the Senate has been put off until next Tuesday morning at 10:30. I hope very much that you and Dr. Thompson can both be here. I send you by this mail, under separate cover, a report with regard to the feasibility of building a reservoir on the Gila River which would give an abundant supply of water for the raising of crops of the natives. There are between seven and eight thousand of the Pimas, Papagoes and Maricopas, whose lands have been rendered worthless in late years by the Mormon and American settlements on the upper Gila who have taken all the water out of the stream. About one thousand of the Pimas are members of the Presbyterian Church. You did such valiant work for the Nez Perces that you are the man to try and save the Pimas. I send enclosed in this letter a copy of the amendment proposed to the Indian Bill, which will be under discussion at the hearing on Tuesday morning next.

With kind regards to your family I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 3, 1900.

Mr. Arthur C. Jackson,
President, Alaska Geographical Society,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you a letter received from the Acting Secretary to the President, showing that your papers which I forwarded with an endorsement of my own, have been received and referred to the Secretary of State.

It is impossible under the circumstances for me to get a personal interview with the President, and I have done the best I could in your interest.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson I remain,

Yours truly,
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

Enclosure.

March 5, 1900.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,
226 Gates Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Mrs. James:

Yours of the 3d instant is received and I am very glad to hear that it is proposed to establish an interdenominational Women's Committee for the purpose of directing the work of creating public sentiment which shall demand a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy. I know that your hands are full and your friends often wonder how you can bear up under all the burdens. We will have to pray that you be given strength for this new burden, as we can not turn to another person in the whole country so capable and so well fitted for guiding this movement. I do not see how the Board can object; to my mind the securing of a constitutional amendment on such a subject is no more politics than the women educating the mountain whites or trying to educate and christianize the exceptional populations of the land. There are certain things that are so intimately connected with the advance of the Kingdom that you cannot separate between them and the state. In all Bible history we find that the same thing has occurred and a Christian ins not complete in my mind who does not take an interest in trying to secure good government .

With kind regards to your husband, whom I hope we may see at the hearing tomorrow on the Pima Reservoir question I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 5, 1900.

Mrs. Eugene S. Willard,
725 Noyes Street,
Evanston, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Willard:

I am very sorry to hear that you have been laid up again. It gives me pleasure to forward a copy of Mr. Landis' speech to your father, and also additional copies to yourself for distribution.

With kind regards to Mr. Willard and the children, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 5, 1900.

Mr. Arthur C. Jackson,
President, Geological Society of Alaska,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

Yours of February 27th is received. I mailed you on Saturday last a copy of a letter received from the President's Private Secretary. I have done everything in my power in your interest and can do nothing further. You have made a gallant fight and deserve to have success. But I suspect , without knowing it, that as in the case of Mr. De Young so in the case of all the other positions that you would be willing to accept, they are already pledged to prominent politicians.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

March 5, 1900.

Mrs. Alice Palmer Henderson,
4210 Mason Avenue,
Tacoma, Washington.

My dear Mrs. Henderson:

I have this morning received the enclosed letters from the leading second-hand book stores in Philadelphia and also in New York, and neither of them have a copy of "Kotzebue's Voyages." Leggett Brothers of New York can furnish you a copy of Bancroft's "Alaska". You had better send to them direct enclosing them the money.

With kind regards to your husband, Captain Barr and Serene, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Enclosures.

March 6, 1900.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D.,
Secretary Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Brother:

We have just closed a conference with the Committee of the Senate regarding an appropriation of $20,000 for further investigations with regard to the expense of building a ditch and reservoir for the Pima Indians. I presume that Dr. Dixon and Mr. Olin will tell you about it. The Senate Committee are hesitating concerning the effect it will have upon a ditch already taken out of the Gila River by a local company. It is conceded on all hands that the Indians ought to be relieved and furnished with water, but the sub-committee that have it under investigation do not seem disposed to make any further movement, and yet the question involves the lives and welfare of the 8,000 Indians on those reservations. The Indian Bureau have during the past few days sent $3,000 to feed those Indians, which is the commencement ~~[illegible] it must be thought to be a departure and~~ of the demolarization that will ultimately scatter our churches and destroy the membership. It is a very critical time and needs earnest, prompt and regular attention. I think the

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general feeling here is that the Board should press Dr. Spining into the service; ask him to take charge of the work for a few weeks offering to supply his pulpit for him; - you can give him a Sabbath and Dr. Dixon another, and if necessary I will come over and give two or three Sabbaths, if his Church will be satisfied with my poor preaching. Then telegraph C. H. Cook at the Pima Agency to come on immediately, as Dr. Spining will need Mr. Cook at his elbow all the time to give him accurate and reliable information on all questions that shall arise. With Mr. Cook to load him up I know that Dr. Spining can get a favorable report through the Committee and secure favorable action by Congress. But there is no time for delay parleying; the bill has already passed the House and is now under consideration in the Senate Committee. If you act promptly there will be time to get Mr. Cook to Washington to meet Dr. Spining. After the crisis is over here then Mr. Cook can be sent through some of the Churches to tell the story of the people and take up collections that will reimburse the Board in the expenses of bringing him on. It was suggested that the Board members meet Dr. Spining next Friday, but I do not consider it safe to wait until next Friday before ordering Mr. Cook forward, as it will take him several days to reach Washington. ~~If you cannot~~ Can you not see your way clear to order him here immediately by telegraph, and then arrange with Dr. Spining afterwards. It is a case of life and death with those people. There are responsible leading men in Congress who when the case is brought before them properly will make a decided stand in favor of the Pimas and I believe that Dr. Spining is the man above all others I know for making that fight and interesting the Congressmen. The Board has spent in twenty years over $200,000 in educating, civilizing and christianizing those people and now shall that all be allowed to go for naught for the sake of a few hundred dollars necessary to secure the presence of Mr. Cook and work of Dr. Spining?

I trust that you and Dr. Dixon and Mr. Olin will get together at once and see your way clear to telegraph Mr. Cook to start immediately for Washington and upon his arrival report at my office.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Washington D.C. Mch 6th 900

Messrs MacCalla & Co
237 Dock St. Phila Pa

Dear Sir

Do not distribute type on Dr Spining's address until you hear from me

What will it Cost to print 200 copies of this address with illustration of Myself in ~~paper~~ pamphlet form, paper cover? Title "Address of Rev George L. Spining D.D. placing in Nomination Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D. for Moderator of General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in session at Winona ~~Lake Indiana May 21-28. 1897.~~ Assembly Grounds. Eagle Lake Indiana May 20th ~~28~~th 1897."

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If not too late on page 21 Change George H to George L. Spining

And ~~on 29~~th. In Rev Dr Spinings address erase all the quotation marks. Page 36-47

Truly Yours Sheldon Jackson

March 8, 1900.

The American Biographical Publishing Company,
341 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to yours of February 24th I return you the blanks and printed page which you sent me. I send you under separate cover a biographical sketch of myself which is sent out by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. You will also find biographical notices of myself in the following works: Encyclopedia of the Presbyterian Church, by Dr. Nevin, published in Philadelphia, 1884, page 374; Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography, published in New York, 1887, volume 3, p. 390; National Cyclopedia of American Biography, Vol. 9, p. 251. There are notices in other similar publications but I have not the pages to give you.

Allow me to suggest the following names that should be in a biographical work to make it complete,---you probably already have them.

1. Alexander Sheldon during life of Duanes, Montgomery County, New York. Dr. Sheldon was for six successive terms Speaker of the New York House of Representatives and was the last speaker to wear official-

ly a cocked hat, which at the close of the Revolution was worn by the Speakers of the House. In his day he was as much of a Czar as Tom Reed in the U.S.House of Representatives, or Tom Platt in the State of New York. Dr. Sheldon wielded a very wide and powerful influence in the politics of New York State.

2. Hon. John Eaton, LL.D., for 16 years U. S. Commissioner of Education and previous to that one of General Grant's favorite officers and advisers during the civil war.

3. Hon. John G. Brady, present Governor of Alaska, who was picked up by the police in the streets of New York a homeless gamin sleeping in ash barrels and under front-door steps. He was sent by the Children's Aid Society to Indiana, finally worked his way through Yale University and Union Theological Seminary, and as intimated above, is now the Governor of Alaska.

4. Rev. George Norcross, D.D., Carlisle, Pennsylvania, a member of the National Historical Society and an eminent writer on Church history.

5. Earl VanDorn, a native of Mississippi, a graduate of West Point, prominent in the war with Mexico as a staff officer, and afterwards as a Cavalry officer in Indian wars, then a Major-General in the southern army, 1861-5, killed in Tennessee 1863. His fearlessness and heroism on many occasions in the U.S.Army and as a commanding officer in the southern army won for him the soubriquet of the "beau sabreur" of the army.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 9, 1900.

Mrs. Alice Palmer Henderson,

4210 Mason Avenue,

Tacoma, Washington.

My dear Mrs. Henderson:

It has been suggested to me that Washington Irving's "Astoria" tells something of the life of Baranoff's Court at Sitka. It is so long ago since I read the work that I do not remember anything about it. But it is worth while looking it up.

With kind regards to your household I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 9, 1900.

Mr. William T. S. Curtis,
920 T Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Curtis:

I wish you would call at my office at an early date. A lady friend of mine has a claim in Congress and I have recommended her to put it in your hands. I am at the Bureau of Education, corner of 8th and G Streets from 9 to 4, except when out on errands.

My kind regards to your family.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

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March 9, 1900.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D.,
1319 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

I wish you would see if you cannot hurry up McCalla & Co. with my book. It is only a small book of a couple of hundred pages and I supposed certainly they would have it all completed before this. It did not occur to me to give them a time limit in the agreement more than I informed them that I would leave in April for Alaska. The proof comes in so slowly that it seems to me they only put a man on it when they have nothing else to do. I had supposed as prominent a firm as theirs, (they printing General Assembly minutes,) would have force and type enough to push the matter. I have not yet received one half of the galley proof and may have to leave early in April for Alaska. If the work is not out at that time it will greatly inconvenience me and it will probably cause them to wait six months until I return for their pay. The probabilities now are that I will leave earlier than I had expected and the book ought to have been completed by this time, or certainly by the last of March. I am sorry to trouble you in this matter but you kindly offered to give me such assistance as you could if I went to that firm.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson

March 10, 0.

Rev. J. E. Gilbert, D.D.,LL.D.,
Washington Savings Bank Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Gilbert:

The letter to the Honorable John W. Foster, inviting him to accept the presidency of the American Society of Religious Education was only forwarded to him today. I delayed sending it in the hope that Gen. John Eaton would be able to write a letter to accompany it which he expected to do, but he was unexpectedly called to Chicago without writing the letter, and I have finally had to send it forward without his endorsement.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 10, 1900.

North American Transportation & Trading Co.,
#729 Rookery Building, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I return you two bills in duplicate. If you will kindly receipt the bills and also sign the War Department blank in duplicate and return to me , I think the way will be open for speedily getting your pay. Do not fill up any blanks in the War Department Voucher except signing your name on the last two lines of the page.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
Special Agt War Dept

March 10, 0

Rev. George L. Spining, D. D.,
South Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Brother:

Mr. O. F. Taft, President of the Florence Canal Co., Chicago, has written Mr. Whittamore, that a controlling interest of stock and bonds in the ditch company, can be had for about $50,000.°°. We have telegraphed Rev. Mr. Cook to stop at the Palmer House, Chicago, on his way East as it may be important for you after your function on Thursday next to start for Chicago, and have a personal interview with Mr. Taft.

Mr. Whittamoer now purposes visiting you at South OrangeTuesday next, and then going to New York on Wednesday. Senator Platt of Connecticut informed him yesterday that the sub-committee would not recommend anything until some arrangement was made with the Florence Canal Co., but that if that was out of the way, the committee would be disposed to recommend the building of the reservoir.

Consequently we think it important that you should have a personal interview with Mr. Taft and ascertain from him if his company will sell out all right and title to the canal and reservoir and retain only the same and equal rights that the other land-owners have on the line of the canal? If so on what terms? Whether they will guarantee if the Government furnishes means, or builds a dam at San Carlos Reservation in accordance with the report of Mr. J. B. Lippincott, now before Congress, that the Indians who may be on the Pima Reservation shall have the first share of the water from the said canal?

If it is ~~afterwards~~ hereafter deemed unnecessary for you to go to Chicago we can write Mr. Cook, at the Palmer House, to come right on to Washington.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson

March 12, 1900.

Mr. B. H. Warner,
916 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The two tickets to the Longfellow National Memorial Association came yesterday after I saw you at Church. Will you kindly send me two more tickets.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 12, 1906.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D.,
1319 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

Yours of the 10th is received - much obliged to you for writing to McCalla & Co. I must confess I do not understand them. Last Tuesday evening I wrote them with reference to the cost of taking a few pages (which were already in type) from the book and publishing them in a separate pamphlet; and although nearly a week has passed I have not had a line from them. Of course it is barely possible they never received the letter.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 12, 1900

Mrs. Henry Sheldon.

Stamford. Connecticut.

My dear Aunt:

Yours is received. I hope to come over to New York in the next few weeks and shall make it a part of my business to come up and spend an evening with you. I scarcely know how to advise you with regard to Harry; but we can talk that over when I come. I am much obliged for a copy of the letter of Edwin H. Sheldon. A Mr. D. Henry Sheldon, an old man from Chicago who gave $100,000 for a Baptist Theological Seminary at Chicago, with his wife are spending the winter in Washington; he called upon me the other day.

Mary so dislikes traveling that there is no prospect of her coming over to New York with me.

Hoping you may continue well during the season, I remain

Affectionately your nephew,

Sheldon Jackson

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March 13, 1900.

Mr. Herbert B. [illegible]
Room 14, Haller Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 7th with draft for $[illegible] is safely received. Much obliged to you for your attention to the matter.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, Ed.

The arrangement of the taxes is satisfactory. Whenever the time comes, that you can learn the amount of taxes, please let me know & I will send a check for the same either to you, or to the tax collector.

March 13, 1900.

Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D.,

Church Street, Amsterdam, New York.

My dear Dr. McEwen:

Please thank the lady who sent two and a half dollars for the Sheldon Jackson College, Utah, which is safely received to-day and will be turned over to Dr. Gordon, the financial agent of the institution.

With kind regards to your wife and pleasant memories of my visit to your Church, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 13, 1900.

Miss Cassia Patton,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Miss Patton:

Yours of March 3d is at hand. Governor and Mrs. Brady are at my house and she and John are having a fine time.

Sitka still remains the capital* and I hope will continue to do so for some time.

In addition to securing the names of various articles in the Museum from the Eskimo, if any of the articles are out of repair it will be a good thing to have the Eskimo put them in repair. I will drop a line to Mr. Kelly with regard to this.

I do not know who are interesting themselves in bringing the Russian Quackers to America; I would be more greatly interested to have some one take an interest in securing the colonies of Finns for Alaska who are being driven out of Finland by the course of Russia.

I am glad to hear a good account of your school.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

* That is Congress has not yet taken action

March 13, 1906.

Hon. William A. Kelly,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Kelly:

I am much obliged for the printed circulars that you have sent me with regard to retaining the capital at Sitka. The matter has not yet been decided in Congress, but I think that the capital will remain at Sitka.

I do not know whether I spoke to you about the importance of utilizing the Eskimo that are with you in securing the names and uses of such of the Eskimo specimens in the Museum as are not labeled, and with which the Society at Sitka may not be familiar. I have just had a letter from Miss Patton who says that she and Miss Willard will give some attention to the matter this winter. It is also important that if any of those Eskimo specimens are out of repair that you have the Eskimo repair them in their own way, so that they may be made as good as new. I remember that last fall I saw the parts of a Siberian reindeer sled that was not put together; possibly the Eskimo can do that for you. The repairing of many articles which doubtless need repairing, will be a good thing both to the Society and the Eskimo, as it will help occupy their minds while waiting to go home.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 14, 1900.

Mr. Herbert B. Huntley,
Rooms 14 & 15, Haller Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram reached me at midnight and I now send you by Express all of my Cedar Street Improvement Warrants and one on Market Street, which is all I have of that kind of investments.

Cedar Street Improvement Warrants Numbers 1312, 1313-1314-1315-1316-1317-1318-1319-1320-1321-1322-1324- for $150 each. 1326 and 1327 for $55.97 each.

Market Street Improvement Warrant No. 2559 for $828.12, on which $26.49 has been paid.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 17, 1900.

Mr. William A. Kjellmann,

Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Kjellmann:

Lieutenant Jarvis informs me that you have a number of small lots in Nome. I have recently become a stockholder in a company that has been formed for the establishment of a bank and trust company at Nome. We propose in connection with having a safe deposit box for renting, and I have thought perhaps you have a lot that would be central and suitably located for the purpose of a bank building. If so please let me know the location (make a rough diagram of the sites with adjoining streets), size and price of the same. I would like this information as soon as convenient.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 17, 1900.

Mr. W. A. Pickell,
c/o McCalla & Co.,
237 Dock Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 16th is received. I greatly regret that I was absent at Carlisle on Wednesday and Thursday when the proof came to my office, as I begrudge every day now that is lost. I will, however, be in my office continuously for a week or two and that will probably be all the time you will need for reaching me with proof.

In my letter of the 6th instant you will remember I asked for the cost of a pamphlet edition of Dr. Spining's speech, including my picture as a frontispiece to it. But have as yet received no figures. Money is not very flush with me at present, and I would like to know the price before ordering the edition of 200 copies. I wish the Main book bound in substantial manner with strong cloth. As it will be too thin to run the title across the back in the usual way, and as I do not want it on the side you can place it lengthwise of the binding on the back, simply placing, "Sheldon Jackson. Moderator."

I await with interest the specimens of the half tones.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosure

March 19, 1900.

Mr. F. P. Kaiser,

St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Mr. Kaiser:

Yours of March 15th is received. You did so well on the "World's Best Orations" that I have no hesitation whatever in granting your request that I should go upon the Advisory Council for "The World's Best Essays." You may count on my continued cooperation.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 20, 1900.

Mr. Herbert B. Huntley,
Rooms 14-15, Haller Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 13 is received and the terms are satisfactory. I hope the warrants reached you safely.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

When you receive any money on the warrants, please forward to me at Washington D.C.

Denver, Colorado,

March ___, 1900.

Received of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of Washington, D. C., the sum of five hundred dollars to be equally distributed to Harry R. Thacker, Samuel Armour Thacker, Albert H. Thacker, and Mrs. Jennie R. Thacker Martin, heirs of the late Mrs. Sarah J. Bowen of Denver, Colorado.

The above sum being the amount received by him from the said estate and is now returned by him to the estate for the benefit of the heirs thereof.

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Executrix.

March 20, 1900.

Mrs. Jennie R. Thacker Martin,
Executrix,
Denver, Colorado.

Madam:

In accordance with your representations that the estate of the late Mrs. Sarah J. Bowen of Denver, Colorado, has not realized to the heirs the amount expected, and that the payment of the $500 as specified in the will, to myself as trustee for certain benevolences will work great hardship and suffering to the heirs of Mrs. Bowen, therefore in the exercise of the discretion granted me in the will, I return the said $500 to the Estate for the benefit of the legal heirs.

Sheldon Jackson

Trustee.

Washington, D. C.,

March 12, 1900.

Received of Mrs. Jennie R. Thacker Martin, Executrix of the last will and testament of Mrs. Sarah J. Bowen late of Denver, Colorado, dated and signed February 13th, 1899, and in accordance with paragraph two of said will, the sum of five hundred dollars.

Sheldon Jackson

Trustee.

JACKSON, SHELDON,D. D., LL. D., United States General Agent of Education in Alaska, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., was born in Minaville, Montgomery county, N. Y., May 18, 1834. He obtained an academic education at Hayesville, O., and Glens Falls, N. Y., graduating from Union university, in 1855, and Princeton Theological seminary in 1858. In May of the latter year he was obdained by the Albany presbytery and, as a missionary, was assigned to the Indian Territory. With his wife he labored among the Choctaw Indians, but, on account of ill health,entered the service of the Home Board of Missions and was transferred to the colder climate of Southern Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. From 1859 to 1864 his headquarters were at La Crescent, Minn., and during the fall of 1863 he engaged in hospital work in Tennessee and Alabama, under the auspices of the Christian commission. From 1864 to 1869 his headquarters were at Rochester, Minn., and his field of activities was greatly extended. In 1870 he was appointed superintendent of Presbyterian missions (domestic) from Mexico to Canada and from Nevada to Nebraska, his family removing to Denver.

At that time,it must be remembered the territory within these limits was much more portentious than it is in these days of railroads and rapid transportation, and Mr. Jackson's journeys were conducted by stage or horseback. His was, in truth, the true pioneer life, and the stories of his trials by flood, flames, storms, avalanches, Indians, etc., would fill a book, and make exciting reading as well. During thirteen years, in the prosecution of this work, he traveled nearly 350,000 miles, and accomplished an incalculable amount of good for his denomination. In March, 1872, he established the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian and conducted it for ten years.

In August, 1877, Dr. Jackson visited Alaska as the first ordained missionary of the United States and, under his superintendence, within the succeeding eight years many schools and churches were established among the natives. During this period the law was passed, chiefly through his initiative, extending the educational features of the United States Government over the Territory of Alaska, and in 1885 he was appointed to his present position. His previous experience as a missionary was of incalculable benefit to him as an educator, his new field of work requiring the best qualities of each. In December, 1887, he established the North Star newspaper, at Sitka, the home organ of religious education and civilization. In 1880 he built the church and founded the Industrial Training School for Native Children, at the Territorial capital, and in 1887 founded the museum of the Alaskan Society of Natural History and Ethnology, having organized the society itself. The northmost school which he has established is Point Barrow. There is no one person in the country, in short, who has done more to civilize the natives of Alaska and thus develope the natural industries of the

Territory, than Dr. Jackson. He has not only taught them English but morality, and has also accomplished a most practical benefit to the native population in the introduction and domestication of the reindeer, thereby saving much suffering and actual starvation.

A portion of the year (from April to October) he is in Alaska, and during the remainder of the time he is at Washington, furnishing information and aiding the commissioner of education in administering the schools. The enormous distances which he travels will be understood by the statement that his annual trip includes some 17,000 miles by land and water, now in the majestic steamer, then in the dory, or the great dug-outs of the natives. Dr. Jackson's pungent statement of the facts connected with his work has been called for in many quarters, and few men have spoken to a greater number of audiences.

In May, 1897, Dr. Jackson was elected moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church--a merited honor. During this year he was also appointed special agent of the Agricultural department of the Yukon valley and in 1898 was chosen by the War department as special agent to Lapland. He may be said, in fact, to have introduced civil government generally into the Territory of Alaska, and having accomplished this, may be justly entitled one of the real pioneers of the century.

March 22, 1900.

Mr. Joseph M. Huston,

Witherspoon Building,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Huston:

Yours of the 21st instant is received. I was intending to write you this morning to find out the cause of the delay. I will at once stir them up in Salt Lake City; but I wish you would complete and forward the plan of the buildings and grounds. When the plan of the particular building comes you can work that out on a separate sheet; it does not need to come into this sheet containing the location, of the buildings, walks, shrubbery, etc. We need ~~that~~ this latter immediately as the spring has already opened in Utah, and they want to lay out a few of the more prominent roadways to utilize when they commence building. Do not wait for the plan of that building; that can be attended to afterwards, but send me the arrangement of the grounds as soon as possible. If the arrangement of the grounds are delayed too long, the Trustees at Salt Lake will not wait for them.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 22, 1900.

Mr. John Brynteson,
Care D. Nyvall,
North Park College,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Brynteson:

Some capitalists in Pittsburg, Washington and New York City, have arranged to establish a Bank at Nome. They are men of large means and the leading ones are Christians. The Bank will not be opened as thr stores are on Sabbath, nor will it be a carousing place. In connection with the bank they will have safe deposit boxes and vaults for gold dust. I have been requested to invite you to become one of the charter members. The shares are not on the market, but I can get you shares all the way from $100 to $5,000; but can not get any larger sum than $5,000. We would like to have you take at least one hundred dollars worth of stock and as much more as you see fit up to 5,000, dollars in order that you may be made a charter member and feel that you are interested in the success of the enterprise. Will you kindly telegraph me if you are willing to go into the enterprise. I think you will find it profitable.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 22, 1900.

Mr. Wm. A. Kjellmann,

Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Kjellmann:

Some capitalists in Pittsburg, Washington and New York City have arranged to establish a bank at Nome. They are men of large means and the leading ones are Christians. The bank will not be opened as the stores are on Sabbath, nor will it be a carousing place. In connection with the bank they will have safe deposit boxes and vaults for gold dust. I have been requested to invite you to become one of the charter members. The shares are not on the market, but I can get you shares all the way from $100 to $5,000 ; but can not get any larger sum than $5,000. We would like to have you take at least one hundred dollars, and as much more as you see fit, up to 5,000, in order that you may be made a charter member* and feel that you are interested in the success of the enterprise. Will you kindly telegraph me if you are willing to go into the enterprise? I think you will find it profitable.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

The law requires that three Charter members shall be resident of Alaska & I have suggested yourself, Brynteson & myself as Alaska residents.

March 22, 1900.

Rev. R. G. McNiece,

1248 Blaine Avenue,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Dr. McNiece:

Some time ago you remember Mr. Huston and myself telegraphed you for floor plans of the new college building, to which he was proposing to ~~build~~ plan a Tudor-Gothic front, and submit the same to the trustees for their judgment. You replied that you would have blue prints made of the plans and forward them as soon as possible. Some weeks have intervened and we have heard nothing further from you. I hope that the blue prints have not been sent and gone astray in the mails.

It is possible that General Eaton and myself may both be at Salt Lake when the time comes to lay the corner stone or break ground.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 23, 1900.

Mrs. Henry Sheldon,

My dear Aunt:

Yours of the 21st instant is received. I can not say when I can be in New York; it depends on so many circumstances that have not sufficiently developed to enable me to form an opinion; but I shall certainly come to see you before I leave for Alaska. I expect to leave the last of April and will go to Nome,---probably will make Nome my headquarters during this coming summer.

I approve of Harry's going to Nome and start in the law. It is true that there are plenty of lawyers there but in a new growing country where there ~~are~~ is an unusual amount of legal business there is always room for a young man who is willing to work hard. Hard work has been my success and I guess is the success of most people. If he and his comrade make up their minds to work hard they will succeed. I will try and see him before he starts.

If the new code of laws which is now before Congress passes this spring it will not be necessary for him to go to Sitka to be admitted to the Alaska bar, as a Judge will be stationed at St. Michael in the neighborhood of Nome. The lawyers that have already gone there are practising without having been formally admitted by the Court. It is possible that Mr. M. C. Brown of Laramie, Wyoming, who has been appointed United States District Judge at Sitka in the place of Judge Johnson, resigned. ~~He~~ may come on to Washington before he goes to Sitka. I do not know whether it would be proper for him to admit any one to the bar in Washington or not, or whether it has to be done on Alaska ground.

Mary and Leslie are both suffering with a mild attack of grip, but when they get well enough will call upon your sister.

Capitalists in Washington, Pittsburg and New York have just organized a bank, safe deposit and trust company which will do business in Nome. There is a good Presbyterian Church already there with Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D. as Pastor. I do not know whether Harry has ever made a profession of religion or not, but even if ~~if~~ he has not I hope he will be a constant attendant at Church. It will be a great safeguard to him in a place where wickedness prevails and where the Sabbath is not kept. Stores, mining, and business go on on the Sabbath at Nome as well as every other day.

This new bank however will close its doors on Saturday and remain closed until the following Monday, as the controlling stockholders are Christian men and I hope that Harry will keep his law office shut on Sunday. He may lose a little business that others who keep open may get, but I think the Lord will more than make it up to him if he observes the day.

Affectionately

Your Nephew,

Sheldon Jackson

March 23, 1900.

Mr. W. A. Pickell,
c/o Messrs. McCalla & Co.,
237 Dock Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 22d instant is received; also the page proof of the manuscript, which I return this afternoon.

In the printed forms sent me for a dummy, you have left out the pages between 36 and 53. If convenient send me a sheet. The press proof of the cut with samples of stock for mounting the photographs has not yet arrived, but may come by the next mail. I, of course, have not seen the proof of the cut, but judge from the tone of your letter that it is not satisfactory. If I find that it is not good I will send you two or three other cuts so that you can select the best. I send you an autograph which you can electrotype to go under the cut of myself. I shall want 200 copies of the printed photograph when we get a cut that is satisfactory; you can also print 200 copies of Dr. Spinning's address.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Enclosures.

arrived safely

March 23, 1900.

Mrs. Helen S. Robinson,

Makaweeli Kauai, H. I.

My dear Mrs. Robinson:

Yours of February 27 arrived this morning and has filled my heart with singing and thankfulness. I will write your son, nephew and niece personal letters thanking them for their several contributions; but I feel that the interest excited in them is due to yourself.

We hope this summer to erect our first college building but to do so we must strain every nerve , and your contibution so unexpected will be a very great help and encouragement to us. The only returns we cam make is to keep you and your loved ones before the throne of Grace that the Lord will return unto you manifold for all your thoughtful kindness to His cause, so needy as it is to-day in Utah. It is a long fight for the Master that we are starting in upon, but knowing that stronger is He that is with us than he that is against us, we can take courage and keep pushing forward.

I rejoice with you that your Island has been spared the plague which has visited Honolulu.

General Eaton is greatly improved in health,but not as well as he was before he went to Puerto Rico.

There was at one time a little possibility that I would visit you this spring. We have been unable to secure a steamer on the Alaska coast for transportation of the reindeer from Siberia this summer; thinking that there might be a surplus of ships in Japan, the State Department cabled to our Consul at Yokahoma, but the answer came back that no ship could be secured there. Had we succeeded in chartering a freight steamer in Japan I would have gone across with one of the regular steamers and would have arranged to give you a short visit. It is a disappointment to me not to be able to do so.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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March 23, 1900.

Mr. Aubrey Robinson,

My dear Sir:

Please accept the heartiest thanks of the Trustees of Sheldon Jackson College and myself personally, for the One Hundred Dollars which you have so kindly sent through your Mother, for the help of the Christian College we are trying to establish in Utah. That the Lord will greatly reward you and give you comfort in forwarding His work, is the earnest prayer of very sincerely

Your Friend,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 23, 1900.

Mr. Francis Gay,

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you personally and in behalf of the Trustees of the Sheldon Jackson College for the One Hundred Dollars which you sent through your Aunt. We are proposing to try and build this season our first college building and your generous donation will be both a help and inspiration to us and to others. It is a great blessing when the Lord puts it in our hearts to contribute to His work and gives us the means to do so. The Lord bless and prosper you.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 23, 1900.

Dear Miss Gay:

The Fifty Dollars contributed by yourself to the Sheldon Jackson College is safely received in your Aunt's letter, and I want to thank you for your remembrance of the cause.

Our Christian College is open both to men and women, and my hope is that hundreds of the young women of Utah will be through its instrumentality delivered from the blindness and the slavery of Mormonism, and be led into the higher and purer liberty of the Gospel; that this College will be an asylum to many of them in which they will be trained to lives of usefulness, blessing and happiness - happiness both in this world and that which is to come.

Hoping some time again to meet you and talk over the memories of our pleasant trip from Alaska, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Washington D.C. Mch 20

Mr Chas D Walcott
Director of U.S. Geological Survey
Washington D.C.

Sir

I enclose you letter of Rev J. Russell Verbrycke pastor of Gurley Memorial Presbyterian Church introducing Mr Heiger. I do not know Mr Heiger personally, but as he is of good family & has had experience in the far North, I should think he would be useful in one of your exploring parties. A friend of mine Mr Hendricks has just reached Washington. In the latter half of Oct & ~~first~~ 1st of December [illegible] crossed over from the mouth of the Tanana to Cook's Inlet in Alaska & found a good trail —

~~Truly~~ If you have a place for Mr Heiger I will be much gratified

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

March 27, 1900.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D., LL.D.
Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Thompson:

Yours of March 26th is received and in reply permit me to say, by all means send Dr. Koonce to ~~Valdez~~ Nome then send a new man to ~~Nome~~ Valdez, but it will be cheaper and easier for Dr. Koonce to go to Nome and a stranger to go to Valdez. Do not think for one moment of giving up your work in Nome. I have just received word from one of the large transportation companies on the Pacific Coast that they have sent a circular letter to the other companies and find that 23,000 people have already paid in whole or in part their passage money to Nome City. If you will stop to think what that means you will recognize that Nome City has room not only for a Presbyterian and a Congregational Church but before the year is out may be asked to have two of each. At least three banks will be established in Nome as soon as they can get there; one composed of capitalists on the Pacific Coast, the second will be a branch of the Canadian Bank of Montreal, and the third will be established by capitalists of Washington, Pittsburg and New York Cities. The Washington bank will have a Presbyterian manager and cashier, and perhaps other

Presbyterians connected with it. Much of the capital that establishes it is in Presbyterian hands. The Mother of the cashier informed me that the only reason she would give her consent to her son's going to Nome was that she thought that I could visit him occasionally and that I had told her there was a Presbyterian Church at that place.

Nome will have next year as large a white population as all of the rest of Alaska combined. A friend of mine reached Washington yesterday who has come out from the mouth of the Tanana overland to Cook's Inlet. The reports which he brings of that route into central Alaska are such that no doubt in another year there will be a large influx of population by the way of Valdez across the country to Rampart, Circle City, Eagle, Nome, and other places. A large steamer has just arrived at Seattle loaded with soldiers and expert laborers and mechanics to build bridges and open a road for the Government from Valdez to Eagle, and probably a branch line to the mouth of the Tanana and Rampart. The developments are so rapid just now for the opening up of Alaska that even we here at the center can hardly grasp the situation. Would that the Church could be so aroused that they would furnish you the means to improve this critical hour in our work in that country.

I hope to visit New York before I start back to Alaska the last of April, and have a further conference with you. With kind regards to those associated with you I remain truly your

Brother in Gospel work,

Sheldon Jackson

March 27, 1900.

Mr. James R. Cowing,
Franklin Trust Company,
Montague, corner of Clinton St.,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 26th instant is received. When I met the Laplanders last summer no one said a word with regard to their deposits, consequently I have no authority to take them up at this time. I presume that they will be glad to let them run another period, and yet I am not authorized to officially say that they will. If they are allowed to remain as overdue subject to be called for at any time, what interest do they bear? I am still acting as their superintendent. I had hoped to be able to visit your institution and have a conference with you with regard to it. I may be able to do so yet before returning to Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Alaska Division.

March 27, 1900.

Mrs. Alice Palmer Henderson,
4210 Mason Avenue,
Tacoma, Washington.

My dear Mrs. Henderson:

Your interesting letter of the 21st is just received. I shall watch the arrival of the Magazine with much interest and shall remain ready to assist you whenever I can.

I hope to reach the Pacific Coast on my way North about the first of May and will make an effort to stop over a train and see you.

Remember me kindly to the trio in your family.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

ALASKA DIVISION.

March 27, 1900.

The American Association of the Blind,
3124 Fourteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

The enclosed tickets were received by me at a time when my family were sick with the grippe and were overlooked. I now return them to you as you request and regret that the same were not returned sooner.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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March 27, 1900.

Mr. Herbert B. Huntley,
Rooms 14 and 15, Haller Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Much obliged for yours of March 20th, just received.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 27, 1900.

Messrs. McCalla & Co.,
237 Dock Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Another batch of dummy sheets is received with thanks. The sheets containing pages 37 to 52 and 85 to 100, have not yet been received.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 28, 1900.

Mr. Gill S. Peyton,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Mr. Peyton:

On Saturday last I gave Rev. Thos. Gordon $350.⁰⁰ to be forwarded to you with the request that the same be divided between Mr. Sweazy and Cathcort in part payment of their salaries. I send you a copy of the letter of the donors. I think it will be of interest to the Trustees.

Last summer I was one of five to form a new placer mining district at Cape York, Alaska, and took up for myself Claim No. 4, below discovery.

If the Trustees of the College care to send a reliable placer miner to work the mine in the interests of the College on the following terms all right. In Alaska it is usual to lease a mine, the miner that leases it takes all the expense and gives the owner half the gross product.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 28, 1900.

Mr. Henry Sheldon,

#71 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Dear Cousin:

In response to yours of March 26" permit me to write, that with regard to admittande to the bar in Alaska, it will either be necessary for you to come to Sitka or wait until the code which is now before Congress shall become a law. I think the code will become a law, and a Judge be appointed for both Nome and St. Michael before we can reach that country. However if you do not want to run the risk in the matter, I would suggest that either you or your comrad go to Sitka and get admitted to the bar, and then return to Seattle for a steamer to Nome, or when at Sitka you could come by the monthly mail steamer to Un~~xx~~alaska and Dutch Harbor which are within 3/4 of a mile of each other, and thence take a steamer to Nome. With regard to the position of Notary Public, the Government has decided not to issue any further permits in that direction, until the present code is enacted by Congress.

Daily applications are made to the President for a commission but he is steadily refusing all applications. When the code passes Congress you can get the position upon application by mail and will not need to come to Sitka for it. The code provides that a Notary Public shall give a bond for $1,000.°°, and it will probably save time to have your bond already as soon as the bill passes Congress. I mail you today a copy of the new code as it was in January. Already a number of amendments have been made, and probably others will be made before the bill goes through Congress and becomes a law.

I expect to make Nome my own headquarters during the summer, and will be very glad to meet you there. I also hope to visit New York before starting for Alaska, and will expect to see you there. Do not fear to ask questions, it will give me pleasure to furnish you with such information as may be within my reach. When you write your mother please say that Eliza Matthews died Monday of pneumonia, and will be buried tomorrow at Schenectady.

Very truly yours;

Sheldon Jackson

I can give you a letter to the Judge if you go to Sitka

March 28, 1900.

Mr. T. W. Herringshaw,
American Publishers Association,
177 La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 27th instant is received and I enclose a photograph and order as requested. I had received the impression somewhere that it would be a cheaper volume than ten dollars. ~~as~~ If you expect to introduce it very largely into the schools of the United States, that price will be prohibitory. I have charge of the selection of school books for the libraries of the schools of Alaska but would not feel justified in expending that amount of money on each library for one book

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

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Thos. W. Herringshaw. American Publisher's Association 177 La Salle St. Chicago Ill.
American Publishers Association. As soon as published forward to the undersigned one copy of Herringshaw's Encyclopedia of Amer Biography at $10 payable on delivery. This order to be void in case subscriber is not represented in the work by the accepted biographical notice and a creditable reproduction of his photograph.

Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Bureau of Education Washington D.C.

March 28, 1900.

Rev. A. E. Karlson,
1077 Twelfth Street,
Oakland, California.

My dear Mr. Karlson:

Since writing you before we have concluded not to part with any of our buildings at present at Eaton Station.

With kind regards to your wife I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 28, 1900.

Rev. William F. Doty,

Enderlin, North Dakota.

My dear Mr. Doty:

Yours of March 12th is before me. I have delayed answering as I did not know what to say. Having conferred with General Eaton we agree as follows: (1) That you need not return to Alaska this year but we will wait to see whether your brother cannot pay the money. If, however, it is not paid by the spring of 1901 we shall expect you to return to Alaska or somewhere else where you can make some money. (2) General Eaton and myself agree in the opinion that it will be unwise for you to return to the Seminary until you get out of debt. By returning to the Seminary you would necessarily add to the debt and wwould injure your eyes, both of which matters are important considerations in your future success. It may be that God has shut you up to stay away from the Seminary in order to strengthen your general system and your eyesight; He has made a blind man useful in the ministry; but as a general statement a man with poor eyes in the ministry is greatly handicapped.(3) General Eaton and myself agree that for the present the best thing that you can do is to remain in Dakota or some northern region that is healthy. You can certainly get enough to make ends meet while you are breathing that fresh air which ought to renew and restore your health.

I expect to return to Alaska in about a month and am very much hurried in my preparations.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 29, 1900

Miss Delia S. Jackson,

262 Guy Park Avenue,

Amsterdam, New York.

My dear Daughter:

Mrs. Mussey has recommended you for appointment as a delegate to a Council of Women that meet in Paris during the Exposition. Mrs. Mussey will have a statement of the Law School written out in French, which she wants you to read at the Convention. The delegates of course pay their own expenses for the honor of the appointment! Would you go if appointed? I do not think it will pay you.

By the way, what steamship rate have you obtained? If you have your papers with you send me the rates offered by the different companies. Miss Smith of this Bureau will be one of the delegates to the ~~Exposition~~ Convention and wants to know what rates you secured.

Your mother and Leslie are improving from their colds. We are looking forward with pleasure to your return next week.

Affectionately your Father,

Sheldon Jackson

March 29, 1900.

Miss L. Coe,
P. O. Box 1086,
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Madam:

Yours of the 27th instant is received and I am delighted to hear of the improved health of Mrs. Thaw. I return you the original letter to Mrs. Thaw, which you can retain at Pittsburg until her return. The same is a promise which she made a year ago but as I will have to leave for Alaska in April, ask Mrs. Thaw to kindly send the amount to the Board of Home Missions, New York, which pays the other half of the bill.

When you have occasion to write Mrs. Thaw kindly send my greetings.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

Enclosure.

March 29, 1900

Messrs. McCalla & Co.,
237 Dock Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

I return you the sheet which you kindly sent me this morning, as I find that I already had it and by its being punctured I thought probably you might need it for a set you are preparing for binding.

The portion that still seems to be missing is from page 86 to page 100, inclusive. But if the sending of it will disturb a set, do not send it.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

Enclosure.

Please have two copies of my book bound in half leather (leather back + corners) for my two daughters.

March 29, 1900.

Mr. William A. Kjellmann,

Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

My dear Sir:

Your telegram concerning bank stock, was received You understand of course that you and I are let into the concern because we are residents of Alaska. The law requires that three of the five who secure a charter for a national bank must be residents of the country. I claim my residence there and you certainly have been a resident for several years, and I have also given the name of Mr. Brynteson as the third man. I have written him but have received no answer,---probably my letter has not reached him.

With kind regards to your family I remain,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 30,1900.

Mr. John Howard Brown,

Managing Editor of Lamb's Biographical Dictionary,
of the United States.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 28th was received on yesterday and I return herewith amended proof to-day.

Have you on your list for a biography the Hon. John Eaton, LL.D., address, Concord Flats, Washington, D. C.? General Eaton is one of the remarkable men of the day, ranking with Gladstone and Bismarck as a man of affairs and judgment. During the civil war he was one of Grant's most trusted lieutenants, had entire control of the three-quarters of a million freedmen that clustered around the northern armies as they advanced southward, and was afterwards brought to Washington to organize the Freedmen's Bureau, and afterwards to organize and build up the U. S. Bureau of Education. The governments of Europe have recognized his power and at various times proffered him various decorations.

I mail you a copy of the Review of Reviews and a couple of newspaper sketches of myself and can send you a photo if you wish it.

Respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Jackson, Sheldon, D.D.,LL.D.,Missionary, was born at Minaville,N.Y. May 18, 1834; son of Samuel Clinton and Delia (Sheldon) Jac Jackson, grandson of Samuel Jackson and Louisa (Heyer). Samuel Jackson came from England about 1790, and a grandson of Hon. Alexander Sheldon and Miriam (King) Sheldon. Dr. Alexander Sheldon was for six terms Speaker of the New York State Assembly and the last Speaker to wear officially the cocked hat of the Revolution. Alexander Sheldon descended from Isaac Sheldon who settled in Dorchester, Mass. early in the 17th Century; his son Isaac is represented in history as removing from Windsor, Connecticut, in 1654.

He was graduated from Union College in 1855 and at Princeton Theological Seminary 1858. He was a missionary to the Choctows 1858-59; Presbyterian Home Missionary in western Wisconsin and southern Minnesota, with headquarters at La Crescent, Minn. from 1859 to 1864; during the fall of 1863 in the service of the Christian Commission he served in the hospitals of southern Tennessee and northern Alabama; paster at Rochester, Minn. 1864 to 1869; superintendent of the Presbyterian board of home missions for western territories 1869 to '70; superintendent of the board of Home Mis- missions for Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Montana 1870 to 1882; business manager of the Home Mission Magazine, New York City, 1882 to 1884; U.S.Agent to supply the training schools for Indians at Carlisle, Pa. and Hampton, Va. with Indian children from New Mexico and Arizona 1879 to 1880; superintendent of the Board of Home Missions for Alaska 1877 to 1900; and U. S. General Agent of Education for Alaska, where he founded ~~[illegible]~~ and has had charge of the public school system of that section from 1885 to the present time. In the spring of 1895 he gave $50,000 to establish a Christian college at Salt Lake City, Utah. He received the degree of D.D. from Hanover College in 1874 and LL.D. from Union University in 1897; in 1887 he organized the Alaskan Society of Natural History and Ethnology vice-president of the Alaska Historical Society, And also of the American Sabbath Union, An ~~and~~ officer. and ~~and~~ member at different times in thirty or more scientific, historical and literary societies. Seven times commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and in 1897 was elected Moderator of the same. He assisted in the organization of two Synods and seven large Presbyteries. He founded, was owner and editor of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian," published at Denver, Colorado 1872 to 1882; he also founded, was owner and editor of the "North Star" at Sitka, Alaska, from 1887 to 1893; the author of "Alaska and Missions on the North Pacific Coast", published in New York City 1880; also the author of "Annual Reports on Education in Alaska" (1881 to 1900) and "Annual Reports on the Introduction of Domestic Reindeer into Alaska" (1890 to 1900. He organized the first Protestant

(Presbyterian) churches and public schools in Alaska; he also assisted the missionary societies of the several denominations in the establishment of Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalian, Moravian, Quaker and Swedish Evangelical churches. In 1890 he commenced the first introduction of domestic reindeer into Alaska; in 1897-98 he was sent by the general government to Lapland and Norway to secure a number of reindeer and Lapp attendants; from 1869 to 1900 he has delivered over 3,000 missionary addresses.

Washington D.C. Mch 30 ○

Messrs MacCalla Co
Phila

Dear Sirs

I return you proof of Dr Spining's Address. Do not care for a title page but do wish a paper cover. On the cover you can place the same title. that is ~~the~~ above the address on first page of proof.

If you have not printed the illustration of myself for the pamphlet edition you need not do it, As I will send it out without the illustration. Without the illustration you can print ~~[illegible]~~ 1000 Copies

Truly Yours,
Sheldon Jackson

April 3, 1900.

Miss Sara J. Rinch,
Currie's Crossing,
Ontario, Canada.

My dear Miss Rinch;

Major Pratt has submitted your letter of March 26th to me to know what I think of your proposition. I have recommended that he receive the Aleut girl into the school at Carlisle. She should go into the school under the same regulations as the other girls from Unalaska. The christian influence of the school is very excellent and I can most heartily commend it.

I was in hopes that when you got rested that you would return to the mission work in Alaska; I think you are needed there just as much as you are in China.--- The Lord go with you wherever you go.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 3, 1900.

Prof. R. J. Caskey,
Salt Lake Collegiate Institute,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Mr. Caskey:

Yours of March 28th is received. I do not know just what Dr. McAfee's letter to you stating not to announce the change in the relations of the Collegiate Institute means, as the Board officially notified me that the change would be made and ~~probably~~ the property turned over in the fall of 1901, and by the terms of the agreement all of the expenses up to that time ~~was~~ are to be met by the Woman's Board, and after that time by the College Board. I recognize the desirability of securing that ten-rod lot in the rear of the Institute property, but I presume the Woman's Board are not ~~in a condition~~ willing to undertake it, and the College Board are not in a condition to undertake it. We are straining our entire resources this season to erect our first building on the College grounds; after that is provided for we will be in better shape to attend to other things. If the College p~~a~~urchases seats and desks in the summer, as they may I think it will be possible to have some extra seats secured for the Institute. Unfortunately when Dr. Ray visited Salt Lake City and had a conference with yourself with regard to school matters, he received impressions from you which I do not think you intended to convey. He ~~may have~~ made his own deductions from those impressions and the result is we have lost in one case, to my knowledge, the contribution of at least $5,000 for the use of the College, including the Institute. He received an impression that there was not a oneness in the work between the Institute and the College, and that the College did not amount to anything; that its pupils ought to have been in the Institute classes rather than the College classes, and that it was simply taking unprepared, raw material and calling them college students to make an impression. Now it may be true or not: I will not say - but even granting that it was true that some of the pupils in the College classes were unprepared, the same may be said of any college in the land , not excepting Princeton or Yale. Again, you know that in the contributions in the newer sections it is important that an institution shall be first on the ground in order to get certain moral sympathy and financial aid from outside contributors. Now for the College to have remained unstarted until there was a larger clientage raised up for it simply meant to enable the Congregationalists who counted in their academy students into the College to get the ear and the benefactions of the eastern public. As Presbyeerians have spent ten times the money , have many times ~~the~~ more pupils, teachers and schools, than the Congregationalists, the thing would neither have been just or fair, and because of their pretensions and claims, we were compelled to start the College when we did and do the best we can.

I have sometimes felt that a good many in Utah of our

Presbyterians ~~did~~ do not appreciate the necessity of standing up valiantly for the College, and as we say in western slang, "put the best foot foremost" in the presence of those who are comparatively outside,--never acknowleding mistakes or imperfections but always putting the things in the best possible light. We have an illustration of the importance of that in this loss of which I have spoken of $5,000. The impression was conveyed by Doctor Ray to the giver that the College had no basis and was not doing genuine,fair work, and he admitted to me that he had received his impressions from yourself. Now I do not think you intended to convey such an impression but it simply shows how careful we have to be in all our dealings and remarks about public matters.

The interests of the two schools are identical. The College Institute is flourishing largely because there is a general expectation on the part of the Presbyterians that it will be merged into the College. Before the College was talked of the ladies board were ready to ~~throw~~ discontinue the Institute ~~up~~; they felt that they could not carry it, and it received new life and a continuance of life when the College was chartered. From my knowledge of inside facts in New York, I do not believe the Institute would have been in existence to-day if the College had not been organized. The Presbyterians that know anything about it are all proud of the Institute and are glad to see it perpetuated through the College, but it is important for every one connected with the Institute upon all times and occasions to praise up the College.

It may be that among the Presbyterian tourists that visit Salt Lake during the summer you can interest somebody to buy that extra lot before the Institute, and if there is any word of mine that will be helpful to any donor, why you can count upon it.

Remember me very kindly to your family and the teachers.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 3, 1900.

Hon. F. W. Palmer,

Public Printer, City.

Dear Sir:

I have attached to galley 57 S. two short letters and a receipt which you will confer a great favor by inserting in that portion of the Appendix. They were mailed from Alaska in December ~~and~~ but having traveled by reindeer and dog trains nearly 3,000 miles through roadless wilderness up the Yukon Valley via Dawson to Skagway. they just reached Washington a week ago Saturday. As they are important for the Report, I have taken the liberty of asking your kindness in inserting them.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 3, 1900.

Messrs. McCalla & Co.,
237 Dock Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of the 2nd instant is received. As you have already printed the portrait you can bind up one hundred copies of it with Doctor Spining's pamphlet. Doctor Spining's pamphlet then will be 100 with illustration and 900 copies without illustration. The other 100 copies you can mount on cards the same as those already ordered in that form.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 4, 1900.

Messrs. McCalla & Co.,
237 Dock Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

I now expect to be in Philadelphia on Friday next and will call at your office.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 4, 1900.

Mr. Joseph M. Huston,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Huston:

I now expect to make a flying trip to Philadelphia on Friday the 6th instant. If convenient be in your office about 10 or 11 o'clock, as I want to see you with regard to the plans for the College grounds. I hope you are pushing that work as vigorously as possible; they are waiting for it at Salt Lake and we would like to see it here and approve of it before it goes there.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 4, 1900.

Rev. J. T. Gracey, D.D.,

Secretary of the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions

156 Fifth Avenue; New York City.

My dear Doctor Gracey:

Yours of April 3d is received. I had been counting much on the privilege of attending the Conference the last of this month, but yesterday received word that the Revenue Cutter upon which I am compelled to travel in order to reach Point Barrow and visit the various stations and schools on Bering Sea coast, will sail from Seattle on April 25th; consequently I am compelled to leave Washington about April 19th. I greatly regret that this will forbid my having the privilege of making the address on Mission work in Alaska, to which your Committee has so kindly invited me.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 5, 1900.

Mr. T. W. Herringshaw,
American Publishing Association,
177 La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Yours of April 3rd is received. In reply I would say that I have so many demands upon my salary that I am not in a position to indulge in $20 for a portrait engraving in your Biography; consequently have to decline your request.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent &c.

April 5, 1900.

Rev. William Brenton Greene, Jr., D.D.,
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Doctor Greene:

Enclosed find One Dollar for two years' subscription to the Necrological Report.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

Enclosure.

April 5, 1900.

Mr. John Howard Brown,
Care of James H. Lamb Co.,
372 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of April 3rd I send you a photograph and autograph.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

Enclosures.

Photo under separate
enclosure

The above signature will make a better autograph than the one I send you!

April 5, 1900.

Rev. Alexander Pitzer, D. D.,
517 Fourth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Pitzer:

The other evening a gentleman claiming to be an officer in your Church, and giving his name as D. K. Elliott, came into my office and told a pitiful story of being caught in the city without his pocket-book and had a sick wife in the suburbs and wanted to take home some groceries and medicines. I let him have a small amount and took his note to repay me the following morning. A number of days have since passed and I presume I have been victimized. Do you know of any such man in your congregation?

With kind regards to Mrs. Pitzer I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 5 0.

Mr. Frederick L. Moore.
Care of Rev. L. F. Jones, Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Moore:

I notice by the Juneau"Dispatch" that you and Johnson are to be sent to Washington to try to secure the removal of Governor Brady, Mr. Kelly and myself. I do not believe that you will be so used by the hostile element of Juneau as to be willing to do their work. I think you have too good judgment and too much sense.

That you are any different from the wild Thlinkets is because such men as Governor Brady and Mr. Kelly have helped you and your people; all that you have and are to-day you owe to the missionaries, and I do not believe that you will take any course that will make trouble for them or tend to injure their work for your people.

Remember me kindly to your wife.

Truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

April 5, 1900.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D.,
Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Thompson:

I notice by the Alaska papers that the saloon element in Juneau, Alaska, are proposing to send Frederick Moore and another native by the name of Johnson, who has been a noted smuggler and a hard case generally, to Washington to ask and work for the removal of Governor Brady, Mr. Kelly and myself. Of course they can not succeed, but it will give the enemy an occasion to exaggerate and manufacture lies regarding mission work in Alaska, and they will say that even one of the Presbyterian Missionaries has gone on to Washington to complain of the mismanagement of the Missions in that section.

I wish you would consider whether it would not be ~~a~~ proper to try to prevent future trouble ~~if you would~~ by writing to Frederik Moore and say that you had heard that this was being talked of and that you hoped he would not lend himself to any such purpose; and more than that that the Board of Missions would not be ~~willing to~~ let ~~have~~ him leave his field and come east for any such purpose.

From SJ

I will probably be in New York on April 16th for a short time and will leave Washington for Alaska, D. V., on the 19th.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 7, 1900.

Mr. B. F. Jacobs,
603 Atwood Building,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Jacobs:

Yours of April 4th is received and I regret very much to say that I will be unable to attend in New York on the 24th or 27th, as somewhere about the 19th of April I am compelled to start for my summer work in Alaska. The same cause will prevent my attending a meeting of the Executive Committee in May, or any other time during the summer. I greatly regret that this is the case, as I would count it a privilege to be able to meet with the International Sunday School Executive Committee at all their meetings.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 7, 1900.

Mrs. J. Ruth Martin,

3015 Curtis Street,

Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mrs. Martin:

Yours of April 2nd is received and I regret to learn that you have not received the letter containing the official papers which I mailed you on the 20th of March last. I was just thinking of writing to you to ask why you had not signed the receipt which I enclosed in that letter and returned it to me. I send you now facsimile copies of the said papers. If you will sign the receipt releasing me, I will forward by return mail a receipt releasing the estate from further payments being made to me. In other words, we simply exchange receipts in this matter.

Hoping you are all well, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

2 Enclosures.

Denver, Colorado,

April ___, 1900.

Received of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of Washington, D. C. the sum of five hundred dollars to be equally distributed to Harry R. Thacker, Samuel Armour Thacker, Albert H. Thacker, and Mrs. Jennie R. Thacker Martin, heirs of the late Mrs. Sarah J. Bowen of Denver, Colorado.

The above sum being the amount received by him from the said estate and is now returned by him to the estate for the benefit of the heirs thereof.

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Executrix.

COPY.

Washington, D. C.

March 20, 1900.

Mrs. Jennie R. Thacker Martin.

Executrix, 3015 Curtis St

Denver, Colorado.

Madam:

In accordance with your representations that the estate of the late Mrs. Sarah J. Bowen of Denver, Colorado, has not realized to the heirs the amount expected, and that the payment of the $500 as specified in the will, to myself as trustee for certain benevolences will work great hardship and suffering to the heirs of Mrs. Bowen, therefore in the exercise of the discretion granted me in the will, I return the [illegible] $500 to the Estate for the benefit of the legal heirs.

Trustee.

April 9, 1900.

Rev. W. F. Brown, D. D.,
704 Park Avenue,
Beloit, Wisconsin.

My dear Dr. Brown:

Yours of April 7th containing the 1864 pgotograph is safely received. It will give me pleasure to send you one of recent date, provided my wife will agree to make the selection.

With kind regards to your family,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 9, 1900.

Mr. William A. Kjellmann,
Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Kjellmann:

When we settled up with Emil Kjelsberg you remember that he claimed $100 for helping to carry the Lapp Siri to the hospital at Circle City, and that I refused to allow the sum. I have, however, an indistinct impression that as a part compensation we allowed him an additional month's salary. Do you remember anything about it? Did you take away a small book that had the station accounts made up? I can not find it anywhere around my desk.

I am very sorry that a part of your lot is gone, as I think the remainder is not sufficiently large for a building.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 10, 1900.

Mr. Harry Sheldon,

New York City.

My dear Harry:

I have just written to your mother asking that you and she meet me at the rooms of the Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, on Monday next between 11 and 12 o'clock.

I had hoped to visit your mother at Stamford but I am unexpectedly called to start to Alaska next Tuesday or Wednesday and will not have the time to go up to Stamford.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

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April 10, 1900.

Mr. Gill S. Peyton,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Sir:

I enclose you One Dollar contributed by Mrs. Dr. Purman, Washington, D. C. for the work of the College. Kindly make out a receipt for the same and send to General John Eaton to be delivered, as I have not Mrs. Purman's address.

I hope to be in Salt Lake about the 21st of April and hope that you may be at home at that time.

With kind regards to your family, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 10, 1900.

Mrs. Henry Sheldon,

Stamford, Connecticut.

My dear Aunt:

The Revenue Cutter upon which I am compelled to take passage to Alaska will start nearly a month earlier this year than usual. Consequently I will need to start for Alaska next Tuesday or Wednesday. This will prevent my expected visit to Stamford. I will however be in New York a short time on Monday, the 16th. Could not you and Harry meet me between 11 and 12 o'clock at the rooms of the Bcad of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue? I can give you a couple of hours then. We can then discuss the movement of Harry to Alaska and I will be able to answer questions. I am very sorry to have to ask you to come down to New York to meet me rather than my going to meet you but this leaving next week is wholly unexpected to me and I will consequently have to leave many things undone.

Affectionately yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 12, 1900.

Rev. J. R. Wilson, D.D.,
Daytona, Florida.

My dear Doctor:

Yours of the 9th instant together with paper is received,---I did not desire the return of the paper.

Hope ~~you and~~ your daughter ~~are~~ is improving in that mild climate and that you are having a pleasant sojourn in the land of oranges.

Kind regards to your family.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 12, 1900.

Mrs. Sarah Phelan, 10 Harvard St.
East Orange, N. J.

My dear Cousin:

I expect to give a missionary address next Sabbath in the South Orange Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Spining, Pastor.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 12, 1900.

Mrs. F. E. Pierson,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mrs. Pierson:

I now expect to spend a few hours on Monday at the rooms of the Board. It will be my last visit to New York before starting for Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Washington April 13 1900

Rev Robert G. McNiece
Salt Lake City. Utah

Call meeting College Trustees thursday night twenty Sixth Important Have quorum meet me

Sheldon Jackson

ALASKA DIVISION.

April 14, 1900.

Rev. R. G. McNiece, D.D.,
1248 Blaine Avenue,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Dr. McNiece:

I send to your care a little Monograph for several of the College Trustees, whose addresses I have not got. Will you kindly hand it or forward it to them at your convenience.

I will leave Washington on Monday, April 23d, reaching Salt Lake City at 2.10 P.M. on Thursday the 26th, if there is no preventing providence. I am anxious to have a regular called meeting of the Board of Trustees with a quorum for the transaction of business on Thursday night, as I will have to proceed on my journey over the Oregon Short Line Friday forenoon.

I enclose you as President of the Board, a paper which has been drawn up by my Attorney ~~as a sort of making~~ in order to make more explicit and plain former transactions. The matter should have been attended to when I handed the deed of the property to General Eaton for the College, but I was under such pressure of business at the time that it was neglected and has since drifted along to the present. I have laid this matter and paper before General Eaton and Dr. Gordon and it embodies amendments made by each of them and receives their full endorsement. I am anxious to have this matter adjusted before a longer time elapses and while the original parties(so many of us)are still in the land of the living. It is to prevent future complications and the alienations that come from such complications

Dr. Gordon is hard at work trying to secure the loan that will enable us to go forward with the building, and he is quite sanguine of succeeding, but had not actually succeeded last evening Wwe are all anxious to be able to begin the building. Mr. Huston on Monday next will have the plan of the grounds and front elevation of the house. General Eaton has been invited to attend a reception given by Miss Gould next week and will take over with him the plans sent from Salt Lake City and also the arrangement of the grounds, from Philadelphia, to show to Miss Gould. After which I will bring the plans with me to Salt Lake if they are completed in time, if not they will be sent you by express.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

RESOLVED,- by the Board of Trustees of Sheldon Jackson College, that the President of the Board and the Secretary of the Board be, and they are hereby authorized to execute in proper form on behalf of the Sheldon Jackson College and to affix the Corporate seal to the instrument of writing in the form following, which is made part hereof, said instrument to be executed and delivered upon the consideration and for the purposes therein set forth.

WHEREAS, on the Thirteenth day of May, 1895, the Reverend Sheldon Jackson addressed a letter to the Presbytery of Utah, pledging himself and his heirs to give Fifty Thousand Dollars, the same to be paid as soon as he could dispose of certain Washington City and District of Columbia real estate, which he valued at that amount, and which represented the said proposed donation towards the establishment of a Christian College at Salt Lake City, Utah, under certain conditions mentioned in said letter, and,-

WHEREAS, The temporary depreciation in the real estate market of the country during the years 1893 to 1900, before there was time for it to come back or exceed its former market value, rendered it impracticable, except at a ruinous sacrifice, to dispose of the real estate, and,-

WHEREAS, Representations were made by the President of the Board of Trustees of the College to the said Sheldon Jackson, requesting that if there was no immediate prospect of selling the land which he had set apart for the purpose of raising the said Fifty Thousand Dollars, that he should deed it to the College in satisfaction of said gift, in the belief that the restoration of market values in the future will secure the $50,000 or more from the sale of said land, and,-

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of January, 1897, the said Sheldon Jackson and Mary V. Jackson his wife, deeded to the said College, Lots Eight (8), and Nine (9), of Richard E. Pairo's Subdivision, known as Rosemount, Washington County, D. C., also,- Lots Twenty-five(25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), and Twenty-eight, (28), in Square One Thousand and Forty-eight (1048), of Washington, D. C., subject to the conditions contained in his letter of May 13th, 1895, and the subsequent incorporation of the Sheldon Jackson College on November 14th, 1895, in satisfaction of, and the said lots to be in lieu of the Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000), pledged in Dr. Jackson's letter of May 13th, 1895.

AND WHEREAS,- On the 5th day of April, 1897, the Trustees of Sheldon Jackson College at a regular meeting accepted the deed of said land from the said Sheldon Jackson, in full satisfaction of said donation, and caused the same to be signed by R.G.McNiece,its President and attested by Josiah McClain, its Secretary, and,-

WHEREAS, The question has been raised whether the said act of the Board of Trustees of the Sheldon Jackson College made on the 5th of April, A.D. 1897, is a sufficient release to said Sheldon Jackson, his heirs and assigns for the promise of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000), made May 13th, 1895, and,-

WHEREAS, it was the agreement and understanding between the said Sheldon Jackson and the said College that the conveyance of the said land conveyed in the Deed of Jan. 26th, 1897, was in full satisfaction of such donation and said conveyance was accepted as such full satisfaction,-

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES AFORESAID, the conveyance of said land to the said College at the request of its Trustees and the sum of One Dollar to it in hand paid by said Sheldon Jackson, it the said Sheldon Jackson College, a Corporation under the laws of the State of Utah does hereby release, acquit, exonerate and discharge the said Sheldon Jackson his heirs, executors and administrators of and from all and all manner of claim which by reason of said donation the said Sheldon Jackson College, or its successors might or could have against him the said Sheldon Jackson, his heirs, executors and administrators, and the said Corporation does hereby accept the aforesaid conveyance made to it at the request of its Trustees, in full settlement and satisfaction of the said donation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Sheldon Jackson College has caused these presents to be signed in its corporate name by its President, attested by its Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed this day of A. D. 1900.

SHELDON JACKSON COLLEGE,-

By,-

President of the Board of
Trustees,-

Attest:-

Secretary of the Board of
Trustees.

Alaska Division.

April 14, 1900.

Messrs. Foster & Co.,
26 California Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find my check for $546.72, the amount of Mr. Doty's bill for supplies for the herders at Point Barrow. You will kindly receipt the bills in triplicate and mail them to me, care of Seattle Hardware Company, Seattle, Washington.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

1 Enclosure.

Pages 175, 176, 177, 178
in "official" book.

April 18, 1900.

Rev. E. C. Ray, D. D.,
#30 Montauk Block,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Ray:

Yours of April 13" is received. I am glad to have the light which your letter gives me. I must confess that in my interview with you last spring I did receive the impression that you had received impressions from Mr. Caskey that led you to make the representations that you did to Mrs. McCormack.

I have never felt that you were interfering with the gathering of money for the college and have always recognized that from your position you would be a warm friend of the institution and have always had a great inclination to come to confer with you as with a friend.

I do not think you had any intention of prejudicing Mrs. McCormack against the institution, and on the other hand felt that you tried to help us with her. At the same time I have no doubt in my own mind that unconsciously to yourself she received impressions that have caused her to take her present stand, so different from what she has occupied for many years.

My father and her husband were warm personal friends and were thrown together much in matters pertaining particularly to the progress of Presbyterianism in Illinois. Mrs. McCormack whenever I have met her has always been a warm personal friend, and has frequently expressed her interest in my work, so that I had reason to count on the continuance of her interest in Utah. Which she would not feel independant of her interest in me. I am very gald to learn from you that I have misjudged Prof. Caskey and will so state to him when I next see him that the information upon which you base your opinion was obtained from Dr. McNiece and not from Mr. Caskey.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 28, 1900.

Rev. W. F. Brown, D.D.
704 Park Ave.
Beloit, Wisconsin.

As you are interested in the growth and progress of a Home Missionary I send you a printed Scrap Book that furnishes one illustration.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

April 16, 1900,

Mr. H. H. Hart,

115 Monroe Street,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find $2.50 membership fee for the National Conference of Charities and Correction, for the year 1900.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Enclosure.

April 18, 1900.

Mrs. J. Ruth Martin,
3015 Curtis Street,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Friend:

I enclose to you as Executrix of your mother's estate, a receipt for the Five Hundred Dollars.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
Trustee.

1 Enclosure.

COPY.

Washington, D. C.

March 12, 1900.

Received of Mrs. Jennie R. Thacker Martin, Executrix of the last will and testament of Mrs. Sarah J. Bowen, late of Denver, Colorado, dated and signed February 13th, 1899, and in accordance with paragraph two of said will, the sum of five hundred dollars.

Sheldon Jackson

Trustee.

April 19, 1900.

Mr. Jas. M. Huston,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Huston:

The plans for the College were safely received yesterday and both General Eaton, Dr. Gordon and myself are pleased with them. Kindly send me at once the drawings which you received from Salt Lake, as we desire to have them on exhibition. They can be safely sent either by mail or express to me, Concord Flats, Washington, D. C.

I expect to leave next Monday for Alaska and will go by the way of Salt Lake and hope to take the plans with me. In the mean time General Eaton will leave to-day for New York to show the plans to some wealthy parties in that city.

Please send me the size and price of the different photographs of the plans; we will probably want a number of photographs of the more important ones. As I will not receive any mail that is sent later than Friday night, kindly attend to this at once. My address during the summer will be Nome, Alaska.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

You will send your bill to Rev. Thomas Gordon, D.D.

No. 620 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

April 19, 1900.

Dr. William C. Gray,
Office of the Interior,
69 Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Gray:

I expect to be in Chicago next Tuesday and will call at the office during the forenoon. Will probably leave the city at 6:30 in the evening for Alaska. I will bring with me your gold pen and hope to be able to place it safely in your hands.

With kind regards to Mrs. Gray.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

April 19, 1900.

Mr. Henry T. Clarke,

Union Trust Co.,

Omaha, Nebraska.

My dear Mr. Clarke:

I expect to pass through Omaha, going west on Wednesday morning and am due at the Omaha station 8:50 A. M. If you find it convenient to come to the station we will have a few minutes for conversation.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 19, 1900.

Rev. Charles M. Shepherd,
Evanston. Wyoming

Dear Brother:

I expect to pass through Evanston on Thursday the 26", and if you find it convenient will be glad to greet you at the depot during the remaining of the train.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson

April 19, 1900.

Passenger Office

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.,Co.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Please reserve for me lower middle berth between Chicago and Salt Lake City, for the Limited, leaving Chicago 6:30 P. M., on Tuesday April 24".

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 19, 1900.

Mr. Hary Sheldon,
C/ R. J. Kimball & Co.,
71 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

My dear Harry:

Yours of April 17", inclosing check for $200.00 is received. I spoke to the Governor about your making out papers bonds etc., for a commision for Notary Public and leaving it with him. He says that he would be willing to receive it in that way, but he says that an effort is going to be made to change some of the requirements of the bill with regard to the Notary Public.

So that until the bill is enacted into a law no one not even the Congressmen themselves can tell just what the requirements will be to secure a Notarial Commission, and you are enough of a lawyer to know that if you are to undertake to get it up as the bill stands you may be required to do it all over again when the bill becomes a law. This delay of Congress to pass the code for Alaska will work a great hardship upon the people who want to go there. Hoping to meet you at Cape Nome or somewhere along the route. I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 19, 1900.

Mrs. Henry Sheldon,
Pierrepont House,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Aunt:

Your letter was received, also Harry's with check for $200.°°. I spoke to the Governor with regard to his becoming a Notary Public. The Governor says that he can make out his papers and bonds if he chooses, and leave them with him for the passage of the pending law. The difficulty about that however, is this: that an effort is going to be made to change the bill with regard to Notaries Public, and no man can tell what the requirements of the law will be when it gets through Congress.

I am very sorry for this confusion with regard to Notaries Public , but it is affecting all parts of the country as a hundred applications have been received for commissions as Notaries Public. I have this day sent you a map of Alaska, and also the magazines. I am sorry that all our latest maps are gone and I had to send you an old one, but if you will write to William Hamilton, Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., and ask for the last reindeer map of Alaska, next May, he will send you one that is now being prepared by the Government for ~~the~~ my Report. Mr. Hamilton is my assistant in this office who remains here all summer. With much love, I remain,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

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Opinion

Chairman Bureau of Education

Government Gate.

Sept 27th 900

Mrs Diefenderfer
415 Chestnut St Erie Pa

Probably will not go to Europe and therefore can address annual meeting in October. Will telegraph you finally Saturday to-morrow

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

September 10,1900.

Mrs. Allen S. Mussey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Madam:

Your letter of July 19th to my daughter, Miss Delia, has been turned over to me for reply. Mr. Arthur C. Jackson of whom you write, is President of the Alaska Geographical Society, editor and publisher of the Alaskan Geographical Magazine at Seattle, Washington. I have known him for some time and consider him reliable. He has been prominent in booming different sections of the United States to secure immigration; he has also been State agent of different States at National Expositions.

With regard to hospitals in south east Alaska, I do not think there is urgent need for any at present. There is a mission and marine hospital at Sitka, a mission hospital at Juneau, and also at Skagway. Those are the leading centers of that section. In western Alaska there is a marine hospital at St. Michael and Dutch Harbor, and a missionary hospital at Nome and several private hospitals at the same place. I do not know of any hospital having been established at Valdez or that neighborhood; that might be a good point for a marine or government hospital.

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

September 10 0

Messrs. Brown & Company,
C/O Cunard Steamship Company,
29 Broadway, New York City.

Sirs:-

Yours of September 8th enclosing check for One Hundred Dollars is received with thanks. I greatly regret that I could not have personally used the ticket.

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

September 10, 1900.

The Mount Horeb Bank,

Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir;

Your telegram of September 7th in reply to mine of the 6th instant is just received with thanks. I now enclose you an order from Alfred Hermansen, Laplander, for $137.43 – the amount of his deposit in your Bank, together with interest on the same, which you will kindly send to me in Exchange on New York, payable to my order, less the amount of exchange. Mr. Hermansen has returned to Lapland and was in need of ready money for the trip and knowing that he had the money at the Bank I have already advanced him the same, and will hereafter adjust with him the amount of interest which I receive from you, as I could not advance that with any certainty.

Mr. William A. Kjellmann of your city is well acquainted with the signature of Mr. Hermansen and my own handwriting.

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

September 10, 1900.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Madam:

It was finally settled on Friday last that I would not go to Europe, which enabled me to telegraph you that I could be at your annual meeting in October. On Saturday I met the ladies in the Board rooms in New York and they have impressed me into service for a number of meetings at the Synodical and Presbyterial Annuals. The only conditions made with them was that you were to have an address at your meeting at Meadville. Mrs. Pingry, who has arranged the dates, will probably write you; I think that they were going to ask that my address to your society be on the 10th in order that they might have the 11th for a meeting in Ohio. I have left myself entirely in their hands with the single limitation that they will not disappoint you. I shall be very glad to address your society on Utah, but would ask as a special favor that you do not advertise the subject; you can simply say in the programme, Missionary Address by Sheldon Jackson. It is not necessary that the subject be announced. I can give you reasons for this when I see you.

Making a tour of places one to the other, the expense to your society for travelling will be very light.

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

September 10, 1900.

Mrs. W. Libbey,

The Pines,

Caldwell, New York.

My dear Mrs. Libbey:

Yours of September 6th has just reached me. It will give me great pleasure to give during the fall or winter an illustrated lecture on Alaska to your American Missionary Society at Princeton, New Jersey.

I expect to be called upon by the Woman's Board of Home Missions for a number of addresses at the annual synodical and Presbyterial meeting of their society in October; otherwise I have at present no engagements. About what time would be most convenient for your society?

With kind regards to your husband, I remain

Yours truly,

Special Agent, &c.

September 11, 1900.

Mr. A. E. Diefendorf,
800 West Galena Street,
Butte, Montana.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 4th was received yesterday and I hasten to reply that I do not think there is anything in Alaska that would suit you, and I could not recommend you to go. The mines around Nome are rich but they are all taken up and owned - consequently a new man would need to go back into wild country from 75 to 100 miles and run his chances of finding other mines; to do this successfully requires skill in mining. There are two or three thousand people at Nome who went there without any mining experience this spring and as a result have lost all the money they paid for passage and machinery, and are now being brought out penniless at government expense. Of course I do not know why you feel so much reluctance about going back into the railroad service, but it would seem to me that your years of experience ought to count for something in your favor in that branch of work.

I am sorry that I cannot write you more encourageingly I assure you that it would give me pleasure to assist you to employment if I knew of any opening. Remember me kindly to your wife and sister.

Very truly yours,

September 11, 1900.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

My dear Madam:

Yours of the 9th is received. I wrote you quite fully yesterday with regard to plans that my engagements for addresses is in the hands of the Woman's Board of Home Missions in New York City. The only limitation given was that I was to have an opportunity of addressing your Presbyterial meeting.

With regard to the Presbytery of Clarion of which you write, it will be important for the president or secretary of their society to write Mrs. John F. Pingry, Board of Missions, immediately and see whether there is an opening for an address for them. She is already at work making out a schedule of places and may have offered my services to some synod or presbytery that would interfere with my going to Clarion.

I have already written you not to advertise me for any particular subject. It will give me pleasure to speak of the College work among the Mormons but do not care to have it advertised for good and sufficient reasons. I think just as many will come to hear if the simple announcement is made of a missionary address by myself without indicating the subject.

Very truly yours,

September 11, 1900.

Mrs. John F. Pingry,

Woman's Board of Home Missions,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mrs. Pingry:

I am having so many calls that you will confer a favor by sending me a list of dates that you would like reserved for your work, and then as rapidly as you definitely fix a date for a particular place, please notify me. This morning an application is received for the annual meeting of the Woman's Presbyterial Clarion Pres' and I have written them that I am in your hands and that they must apply to you. I yesterday received an invitation to the Mohonk Conference of friends of the Indians for October 17th, 18th and 19th. Have you places for me for those dates? If not I will try to attend the Conference; but as said before, it will assist me in my plans if you will keep me informed from time to time of your arrangements, so far as they pertain to addresses by myself.

Very truly yours,

September 11, 1900.

The First National Bank of Seattle,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Ole Krogh left with your Bank for collection a note given him by Mr. Regnor Dahl, which, if I remember right, becomes due about this time. Last May Mr. Krogh, wishing to get some money, borrowed the same of me and made the note payable to my order. When it is paid kindly mail to me Exchange on New York payable to my order, the amount less commission for the draft. My address is "Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C."

Thanking you in advance for the matter, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Sept. 12, 1900.

Rev. William Carle,

Hoonah Mission,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Carle:

Your letter of July 23rd has just reached me and I am glad to hear from you concerning the wellfare of yourself and family and also that you have been able to find time for repairing and placing in more comfortable shape the mission house. I am especially glad to hear that the natives have shown sufficient interest to supply a bell for the church. The more you can get them to do for their own good and work the more ~~more~~ interest they will take in it. It is an unfailing principle of human nature to have interest in what we expend money or time on.

You certainly have grave responsibilities and a great work to do. That you and yours may have an abundant supply of the Holy Spirit to comfort and strengthen and help you is the earnest prayer of many friends.

It is a constant source of regret to me that I can not visit the out of the way stations more frequently. The very fact that they are out of the usual line of travel makes me the more anxious to reach them.

Hoping that you may have a profitable winter, I remain

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

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Sept. 12, 1900.

Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co.,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Friends:

Your statement of August 1, 1900, together with check for $3.75 is received with thanks.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Alaska Division, U.S.Revenue Cutter "Bear"
Bering Sea, Alaska, July 14, 1900

Hon. W. T. Harris, LL. D.,
Commissioner of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from you of a copy of the communication (N° 95743) of May 28, 1900, from the Acting Secretary of War, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, inviting his attention to the fact that the Auditor of the Treasury for the War Department has suspended a payment made by Major True, Quartermaster, U.S.Army, to S. Jackson, "Special Agent of the War Department" of \$1300.^{00} for services in connection with the "Relief of people in the Mining regions of Alaska" with the request that Mr. Jackson return the above sum to the credit of Major True, that he may be relieved of the suspension.

In reply permit me to say that as soon as I return to Washington, I will raise and refund to Major True the above sum, although I believe that I am justly entitled to the same.

You will remember that in December, A.D. 1897, the whole country was startled by reports of impending starvation in the Yukon and Klondike mining regions; that the emergency seemed so great that the Cabinet considered measures of relief and that I was summoned to appear at one of their Executive sessions to furnish information with reference to the possibilities of sending relief through reindeer transportation. After that Cabinet meeting and during the pending ~~of~~ action of Congress, the Honorable the Secretary of War requested me to call at his office daily to furnish him information &c., which I did.

Congress promptly made an appropriation of $200,000.°° and conferred upon the Secretary of War authority-

1st. To purchase subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relif of destitute people in the Yukon country.

2nd. Purchase transportation and provide means for the distribution of the above relief.

3rd. That he may use the army of the United States in furnishing relief.

4th. That he may purchase and import reindeer and employ and bring into the country reindeer drivers or herders.

5th. That he may provide such other means of transportation as he may deem practicable.

The Honorable the Secretary of War at once proceeded to avail himself of every method that promised to afford relief, with the hope, that if the majority of methods employed failed, at least one might succeed.

A large supply of provisions was gathered at Dyea, Alaska, Army pack mule trains were sent from Wyoming to Alaska and packers engaged at largely increased wages. Managers of leading Transportation Companies, engaged in the Alaska trade, were summoned to Washington, interviewed and offered contracts for the transportation of relief supplies into the Yukon at increased rates. It was not a question of money for lives were supposed to be at stake.

With regard to reindeer, the herds already in Alaska had been established for the purpose of breeding, and had among them but a comparatively small number of male deer trained to harness. Moreover they were located 2000 miles from the region of supposed destitution and could not be communicated with in time. The only practicable supply of both deer and drivers to meet the emergency was in Lapland. As I had been prominent and had had experience in procuring reindeer, the Secretary of War naturally turned to me as the proper person to xxxxxx procure him the reindeer, drivers, &c., he had been authorized by Congress to procure. Accordingly he asked me if I would be willing to undertake the work, and, upon my consenting, appointed me "Special Agent of the War Department"to proceed to Lapland , to procure reindeer, sleds, harness and drivers, and bring them to this country. Recognizing the extra dangers and hardships of a "rush" trip to Lapland, between 3 and 4 degrees of latitude north of the Arctic Circle in midwinter, the Secretary gave me to understand that I should receive extra compensation for the service. Accordingly when his private secretary was writing out my appointment and instructions, he inquired of the Secretary the amount of compensation that should be inserted. The Secretary replied that he (the clerk) need not insert any amount, as he, (the Secretary) had not yet made up his mind how much he would pay me, but that he would settle that afterwards. I did not insist upon any definite amount, or that any amount should be inserted in the appointment, as I was willing to trust to the Secretary's sense of fairness and justice.

Dropping everything, I secured the first steamer for Europe, and in one month after the President had approved the action of Congress, I had crossed the Atlantic, reached over 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Lapland, despatched agents 265 miles into the interior over mountains and plains during the Arctic Night of January and purchased 539 head of reindeer, 511 sets of harness, and 418 sleds, besides enlisting 68 trained reindeer drivers.

During the following two weeks, the reindeer were gathered out of many herds, and 113 men, women and children brought from their homes through an Arctic blizzard 265 miles to the Coast, and a month later they had crossed the Atlantic Ocean and the North American Continent, and were safely landed at Seattle, with the loss to the herd of but one deer out of the 539.

mReaching Washington in March, I was requested to continue in ~~xxr~~ charge of the Lapps and the reindeer en route to Alaska, which I did.

While the work of procuring the reindeer and transporting them to Alaska was in progress, the Spanish War had opened, and the Secretary crowded and burdened with the extra work imposed, turned over the reindeer expedition to the special care of the Assistant Secretary of War.

Returning to Washington in September, A.D. 1898, I commenced the adjustment of the accounts with the War Department. After securing the settlement of all those that were in proper form, I requested the Assistant Secretary to go with me to the Secretary and ascertain the ~~amea~~ amount of compensation he expected to allow me for my extra work. As the administration of the relief fund had been devolved by the Secretary upon the Assistant Secretary, the latter decided that it was not necessary to trouble the Secretary with it, but he would attend to it himself. After some consideration, learning that I would be satisfied with $100.°° per month (which sum he thought very reasonable) he directed me to make out a voucher for the 13 months that I had acted as Special Agent of the War Department, which I did, and which he officially signed. Upon his signature it was paid. At the same time I was requested to continue to look after the Lapps, as the Special Agent of the War Department, adjusting their accounts, and supervising the payment of their salaries. And the work and responsibility is still unclosed.

Accordingly in addition to the 13 months for which I asked the extra compensation, I have given 19 months of work for which I have made no claim. Surely I earned my extra compensation.

However, as the Auditor rules that the said payment was contrary to the statutes, I will refund the money to Major True and then ask Congress to authorize the Secretary of War to pay the same.

I have to respectfully request that a copy of this letter may be communicated through the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of War.

I have the honor to remain [illegible]

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) S. Jackson.

U. S. Revenue Cutter "Bear",

July 14, 1900.

Hon. W. T. Harris, LL.D.

Commissioner of Education,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from you of a copy of the communication (No. 95743) of May 28, 1900, from the Acting Secretary of War, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, inviting his attention to the fact that the Auditor of the Treasury for the War Department has suspended a payment made by Major True, Quartermaster U.S.Army, to S. Jackson, "Special Agent of the War Department" of $1300 for services in connection with the "Relief of people in the Mining regions of Alaska" with the request that Mr. Jaclson return the above sum to the credit of Major True, that he may be relieved of the suspension.

In reply permit me to say that as soon as I return to Washington I will raise and refund to Major True the above sum, although I believe that I am justly entitled to the same.

You will remember that in December, A. D. 1897, the whole country was startled by reports of impending starvation in the Yukon and Klondike mining regions; that the emergency seemed so great that the Cabinet considered measures of relief and that I was summoned to appear at one of their Executive sessions to furnish information with reference to the possibilities of sending relief through reindeer transportation. After that Cabinet meeting and during the pending action of Congress, the Honorable the Secretary of War requested me to call at his Office daily to furnish him information, &c., which I did.

Congress promptly made an appropriation of $200,000 and conferred upon the Secretary of War authority -

1st. To purchase subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relief of destitute people in the Yukon country,

2nd. Purchase transportation and provide means for the distribution of the above relief,

3rd. That he may use the Army of the United States in furnishing relief,

4th. That he may purchase and import reindeer and employ and bring into the country reindeer drivers or herders,

5th. That he may provide such other means of transportation as he may deem practicable.

The Honorable the Secretary of War at once proceeded to avail himself of every method that promised to afford relief, with the hope, that if the majority of methods employed failed, at least one might succeed.

A large supply of provisions was gathered at Dyea, Alaska. Army pack mule trains were sent from Wyoming to Alaska and packers engaged at largely increased wages. Managers of leading Transportation Companies, engaged in the Alaska trade, were summoned to Washington, interviewed and offered contracts for the transportation of relief supplies into the Yukon at increased rates. It was not a question of money for lives were supposed to be at stake.

With regard to reindeer, the herds already in Alaska had been established for the purpose of breeding, and had among them but a comparatively small number of male deer trained to harness. Moreover they were located 2000 miles from the region of supposed destitution and could not be communicated with in time. The only practicable supply of both deer and drivers to meet the emergency was in Lapland. As I had been prominent and had had experience in procuring reindeer, the Secretary of War naturally turned to me as the proper person to procure him the reindeer, drivers, etc. which he had been authorized by Congress to procure. Accordingly he asked me if I would be willing to undertake the work, and, upon my consenting, appointed me "Special Agent of the War Department" to proceed to Lapland, to procure reindeer, sleds, harness, and drivers, and bring them to this country. Recognizing the extra dangers and hardships of a "rush" trip to Lapland, between 3 and 4 degrees of latitude north of the Arctic Circle, in midwinter, the Secretary gave me to understand that I should receive extra compensation for the service. Accordingly when his private secretary was writing out my appointment and instructions, he inquired of the Secretary the amount of compensation that should be inserted. The Secretary replied that he (the Clerk) need not insert any amount, as he (the Secretary) had not yet made up his mind how much he would pay me, but that he would settle that afterwards. I did not insist upon any definite amount, or that any amount should be inserted in the appointment, as I was willing to trust to the Secretary's sense of fairness and justice.

Dropping everything, I secured the first Steamer for Europe, and in one month after the President had approved the action of Congress, I had crossed the Atlantic, arrived at a point over 200 miles North of the Arctic Circle in Lapland, despatched agents 265 miles into the interior over mountains and plains during the Arctic night of January and purchased 539 head of reindeer, 511 sets of harness, and 418 sleds, besides enlisting 68 trained reindeer drivers.

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Reaching Washington in March, I was requested to continue in charge of the Lapps and reindeer en route to Alaska, which I did.

The administration of the relief fund having been devolved by the Secretary upon the Assistant Secretary of War, in March 1899 he directed me to make out a voucher for the 13 months covering January 1st 1898 to February 1st 1899, that I had acted as "Special Agent of the War Department", which I did and which he officially signed. Upon his signature it was paid. At the same time I was requested to continue to look after the Lapps, as the Special Agent of the War Department, adjusting their accounts, and supervising the payment of their salaries. And the work and responsibility is still unclosed.

Accordingly in addition to the 13 months for which I asked the extra compensation, I have given 19 months of work for which I have made no claim. Surely I earned my extra compensation.

I have to respectfully request that a copy of this letter may be communicated through the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior to the Honorable the Secretary of War, and the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

General Agent of Education for
Alaska.

F.K.E.

COPY.

September 12, 1900.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from Doctor Sheldon Jackson, the United States Agent for Education in Alaska, with reference to a communication from me enclosing a copy of communication from the Acting Secretary of War under date of May 28, 1900, forwarded by you to me at that date and inviting attention to the fact that the Auditor of the Treasury for the War Department had suspended a payment made by Major True, Quartermaster, United States Army, to said Doctor Sheldon Jackson for the sum of $1,300. paid for services in connection with the relief of people in the mining regions of Alaska, with a request that said Doctor Jackson return the above sum to the credit of Major True that he may be relieved of the suspension.

Doctor Jackson recounts the circumstances under which he was detailed by The Honorable the Secretary of the Interior early in the winter of 1897-'98 to act as special agent of the War Department; that in accordance with orders he visited Lapland to procure reindeer, sleds, harness and drivers and supervise their transportation to this country. He sets forth the dangers and difficulties of a hurried trip to Lapland, situated north of the Arctic Circle, in midwinter; and the understanding that he should have extra compensation for his services. He recounts his success in purchasing 539 head of reindeer, 511 sets of harness, 418 sleds and the enlistment of sixty-eight trained reindeer drivers through agents dispatched into the interior two hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle; in landing them in the city of New York after a stormy passage of twenty-six days over the Atlantic, and in conveying them across the northern United States by rail to Seattle with the loss of only one deer out of the 539 originally purchased. He states that in March, 1899, he was directed to make out a voucher for the thirteen months' service in which he had acted as special agent of the War Department besides giving constant attention to his work in the Bureau of Education in the way of advice and direction as to the management of the schools in Alaska. He states that he received one hundred dollars per month for the thirteen months covering from January 1, 1898 to February 1, 1899, in which he had acted as special agent for the War Department; moreover that his responsibilities in the matter of the importation of the reindeer are continued even up to date in supervising the execution of the contracts made with certain of the Laplanders who were promised assistance in the way of advice and safe conduct to their homes in Lapland. Doctor Jackson wishes that a copy of this letter may be communicated to The Honorable the Secretary of War, and also that another copy of the same may be presented to The Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, with the hope that he may be able to see his way to revise his decision in the premises upon a fuller survey of the facts peculiar to this case.

I respectfully submit this document to you with the statement that in my opinion the extra salary was well earned by Doctor Jackson and that the refunding of the money would work a great hardship in his case.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant,
(signed) W.T.Harris,
Commissioner.

September 15, 1900.

The Cashier of

The Merchants' National Bank,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I send you enclosed a check on the Bank of the Metropolis for $3,75.00; on C. B. Richard and Co., New York, for $190.53; and on the U. S. Assistant Treasurer, New York, for $2754.80; which several sums you will please deposit to my credit in the Bank. I also send you my book to be written up.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

(Enclosures.)

September 15, 1900.

The Mount Horeb Bank,

Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Yours enclosing check for $190.53, the amount of Alfred Hermansen's deposit, and interest, is received safely. I return you your receipt to him.

Thanking you for your promptness, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

(Enclosure.)

WAR DEPARTMENT,

July 28, 1900.

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The Secretary of War

Transmits papers relative to certain disallowed items in vouchers of Dr. Sheldon Jackson and John Tweedale in accounts of Capt. D. E. Devore, 23d Inf. under appropriation "Relief of people in mining regions of Alaska" and requests that same be submitted to Dr. Jackson for report, on his return.

(Enclosure.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

August 1, 1900.

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Education for compliance, if practicable, with the wishes of the Honorable the Secretary of War, in the matter. These papers should be returned with such report as the circumstances of the case appear to warrant.

(signed) Thos. Ryan,

Acting Secretary.

Stamped
Bureau of Education

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Bureau of Education

Aug. 2nd 1900.

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Treasury Department,
Office of Comptroller of the Treasury,
Washington, March 15, 1900.

To the Honorable
The Secretary of War.
Sir:

Referring to your request of February 1 last for a revision of the account of Daniel B. Devore, Capt. 23rd U. S. Infantry, under the appropriation "Relief of people in mining regions of Alaska," you are advised that the following items in Voucher 7 (Sheldon Jackson), aggregating $33.46, have been disallowed because in excess of allowances by Army Regulations, viz:

"Dec. 23; for transfer $1.50 and 25¢; Dec. 24 porterage 25¢; excess for transfer 50¢ and parcel office 15¢; Dec. 25, rent of steamer chair $1.00; Dec. 31, porterage $2.00; Jany. 3, extra baggage $3.50; Jan. 4, porterage 25¢; parlor car 50¢, and porterage 15¢; Jan. 5, porterage 15¢; Jan. 7, extra baggage 51¢ and porterage 35¢; Jan. 8, one day's board and two transfers are charged $4.50, maximum allowance $4.00, overcharge 50¢; Jan. 11, porterage 15¢; Jan. 12, porterage 25¢; Jan 13, porterage 15¢; Jan. 23, washing $1.80; Feb. 2, washing 37¢; Feb. 3, porterage $3.00 and excess for transfer 50¢; Feb. 23, porterage $2.00; excess for transfer $1.50; parlor $1.50, porterage 25¢ . . . . . $33.46"

Also items in voucher 12 (John Tweedale), for amount of $13.50, paid for hotel bill in New York in excess of amount allowed by regulations.

As the case now stands before this office, I do not see my way clear to allow them. The matter is presented for your consideration. Meanwhile action on the account will be deferred until your reply is received.

Respectfully,
L. P. Mitchell,
Assistant Comptroller.

1st Indorsement.
War Department,
March 27, 1900.

Respectfully referred, through the Adjutant General, to Capt. D. B. Devore, 23rd Infantry, Manila P. I., for remark.

G. D. Meiklejohn,
Assistant Secretary of War.

2nd Indorsement.
War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, Mar. 31, 1900.

Respectfully referred to Captain D. E. Devore, 23d Infantry, through Headquarters Division of the Philippines, Manila, P. I., for remark.

By order of the Secretary of War:
John A. Johnston,
Assistant Adjutant General.

3rd Indorsement.
Headquarters Division of the Philippines,
Manila, May 18, 1900.

Respectfully referred to Captain D. E. Devore, 23d Infantry, for remark. This paper to be returned through military channels.

By command of Major General MacArthur:
M. Barber,
Assistant Adjutant General.

4th Indorsement.
Jolo, P. I.,
June 1st, 1900.

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General, U. S. Army, thro' Hdqrs. 23rd Infantry. The bills covered by vouchers 7 and 18, referred to within, were certified and presented in the usual form for payment, and I supposed that under the circumstances that actual expenses would be allowed. Dr. Sheldon Jackson expected to be reimbursed for his actual traveling expenses, and Major John Tweedale had but moderate accommodations at the 5th Avenue Hotel, New York.

D. E. Devore,
Capt. 23d. Infty.

5th Indorsement.

Headquarters 23rd U. S. Infantry,

Jolo, Jolo Island, June 2, 1900.

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., inviting attention to 4th indorsement.

O. J. Sweet,

Major 23rd Infantry,

Commanding.

6th Indorsement.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, July 31, 1900.

Respectfully returned to the Assistant Secretary of War with report from Capt. Devore, as called for in 1st indorsement.

H. C. Corbin,

Adjutant General.

Major Tweedale reports, under date of May 1, 1900, that he was directed by the Secretary of War to stop at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in New York, and that this action was a waiver of the regulations if it should be held that they apply, but the Army regulations relating to travel have not been regarded as applying to the Chief Clerk of the Department when he was traveling on official business. Requests, if such action is deemed necessary, that the regulations be again waived and the account approved.

War Department,
May 25, 1900.

Respectfully returned to the Comptroller of the Treasury, inviting attention to the indorsement of Major Tweedale, who was, as stated by him, directed to stop at the Fifth Avenue Hotel for the convenience of the Department.

The regulation having been waived by the Secretary of War, it is suggested that the account (voucher 11) be allowed.

With reference to the item in voucher 7 (Sheldon Jackson), a copy of your letter has been referred to Capt. Devore, who is now in the Philippines, and when his reply is received you will be further advised in the matter.

G. D. Meiklejohn,
Assistant Secretary of War.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY.

Washington, March 15, 1900.

To the Honorable
The Secretary of War.

Sir:-

Referring to your request of February 1 last for a revision of the account of Daniel B. Devore, Capt. 23rd U. S. Infantry under the appropriation "Relief of people in mining regions of Alaska" you are advised that the following items in Voucher 7 (Sheldon Jackson), aggregating $28.46, have been disallowed because in excess of Army Regulations, viz:

"Dec. 23; for transfer $1.50 and 25 ¢ ; Dec. 24 porterage 25 ¢ excess for transfer 50 ¢ and parcel office 15 ¢ ; Dec. 25, rent of steamer chair $1.00; Dec. 31, porterage $2.00; Jany. 3, extra baggage $4.50; Jan. 4, porterage 25 ¢ ; parlor car 50 ¢ ; and porterage 15 ¢ ; Jan. 5, porterage 15 ¢ ; Jan. 7, extra baggage 54 ¢ and porterage 35 ¢ ; Jan. 8, one day's board and two transfers are charged $4.50, maximum allowance $4.00, overcharge 50 ¢ ; Jan. 11, porterage 15 ¢ ; Jan. 12, porterage 25 ¢; Jan. 13, porterage 15 ¢ ; Jan. 29 washing $1.30; Feb. 2, washing 37 ¢; Feb. 3, porterage $3.00 and excess for transfer 50 ¢; Feb. 23, porterage $3.00; excess for transfer 50 ¢; parlor $1.50; porterage 25 ¢ ....$28.46."

Also items in voucher 13 (John Tweedale), for amount of $10.50 paid for hotel bill in New York in excess of amount allowed by regulations.

As the case now stands before this office, I do not see my way clear to allow them. The matter is presented for your consideration. Meanwhile action on the account will be deferred until your reply is received.

Respectfully,
L. P. Mitchell.
Assistant Comptroller.

1st Indorsement,
War Department,
March 27, 1900.

Respectfully referred, through the Adjutant General, to Capt. D. B. Devore, 23rd Infantry, Manila, P. I., for remark.

G. D. Meiklejohn,
Assistant Secretary of War.

COPY.

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Office of Comptroller of the Treasury.

Washington, March 15, 1900.

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The Secretary of War.

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gage $8.50; Jan. 4, porterage 25 ¢; parlor car 50 ¢; and porterage
15 ¢; Jan. 5, porterage 15 ¢; Jan. 7, extra baggage 54 ¢ and por-
terage 35 ¢; Jan. 8, one day's board and two transfers are charged
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transfer 50 ¢; ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx$1.50~~
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Also items in voucher (John Tweedale), for amount of $16.50;
paid for hotel bill in New York in excess of amount allowed by reg-
ulations.

As the case now stands before this office, I do not see my way clear to allow them. The matter is presented for your consideration. Meanwhile action on the account will be deferred until your reply is received.

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Assistant Comptroller.

1st Indorsement.
War Department,
March 27, 1900.

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G. D. Meiklejohn,
Assistant Secretary of War.

September 17, 1900.

Honorable W. T. Harris, LL.D.
Commissioner of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge through you the receipt of a communication of August 4th 1900, from the Honorable Thomas Ryan, Acting Secretary of the Department of the Interior, transmitting papers relative to disallowed items in my vouchers in the accounts of Capt. D. B. Devore, U.S.A., 23d Infantry, under appropriation "Relief of people in mining regions of Alaska" and requesting a report on the same. The papers were awaiting my recent return from Alaska.

Complying with your request permit me to state:

First, that the trip was an unusual one, being an Arctic trip in midwinter and consequently ought not to be determined by the regulations governing ordinary travel in the United States.

Second, that I was instructed to use all possible despatch and consequently had to avail myself of the services of others to a greater extent than would otherwise have been necessary.

Third, that I was promised all travelling expenses -

$6.95 of the sum disallowed was for fees to porters and servants on steamers, railways and hotels in Europe, where custom requires giving fees, covering two months of time, and $3.00 of the same was to reward the servants in a log hotel at Boeskop, Lapland, over two degrees of latitude north of the Arctic Circle, who kept a wood fire going in my bed room through the nights for three weeks in January. it being necessary that I should have the fire.

December 23d, 1897, I checked two trunks from my house in Washington to the Cunard Steamer at the dock, necessitating a trans fer from house to depot in Washington, and from ferry to steamer in New York, the regular charge for which is $2.00.

The Auditor has disallowed $1.50 of the $2.00. He has evidently overlooked the transfer across New York City.

In the haste in getting ready to leave I had to take the midnight train to New York, thus taking a cab late at night and stopping on business at two places on the way from house to depot. The charge paid was .75, allowed by the Auditor .50.

December 24th, arriving in New York with much hand luggage I was compelled to pay $1.00 for a cab from the ferry to the steamer dock, disallowed .50. Reaching the steamer I found it was not yet open for reception of passengers and I had to leave my hand luggage at a parcel office (15 cents) while I went into the city to attend to Government business. Disallowed by Auditor.

December 25th. Auditor disallows the rent of a steamer chair ($1.00) across the Atlantic, the Secretary of War having directed me to make the trip as comfortable as possible in order to keep in good health for hard work at the end of the route.

January 3d, Charge for extra baggage $8.50 disallowed. Going north of the Arctic Circle in midwinter required much extra clothing and wraps. The European railways do not allow as much baggage as American lines and the distance was from London through Holland, Germany, Denmark and Sweden to Christiania, Norway. The baggage was necessary.

January 4th. Disallowed parlor car .50 cents. This was a through car across Holland and Germany and saved the annoyances of several transfers in countries where I did not understand the language.

January 8th. Disallowed 50 cents on a charge of $4.50 for one day's board at hotel and two transfers between depot and hotel.

On February 3rd. After standing out in an Arctic cold all day and evening loading Reindeer and Laplanders on the Steamship at midnight I had to hire a sled from the hotel to go to the wharf and a boat out to the steamship at an expense of $1.00 - disallowed 50 cents.

On February 28th, our steamship landed at the Pennsylvania Cattle Yards, Jersey City, a long distance from the passenger depot and it cost $3.00 to move myself and baggage from the Yards to the Depot; disallowed $1.50.

I think when the Honorable the Secretary of War takes into account the above explanations and the unusual circumstances under which the above expenses were incurred, that he will waive the application to this trip of the Army regulations, relating to travel, if it should be held that they apply.

And as the Honorable Secretary had no intention of sending me on that trip at my own expense, even in part, I have the honor to request, from the Honorable the Secretary of War, through the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, if such action is deemed necessary, that the regulations be waived and the account approved.

Very respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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September 17, 1900.

To the Editor of

The Associated News,

102 Fulton Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of September 3d addressed to me at Seattle, Washington, has been returned to my office in Washington, D. C. It gives me great pleasure to forward you the latest photograph, as requested. I am not sure that it is the best, and if not satisfactory return it and I will look up some others.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

September 17, 1900.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

My dear Madam:

Mrs. Pingry of the Board of Home Missions, writes me that she has left in your hands the arranging of some missionary addresses.

First, kindly send me your plans whether consummated or not, indicating those that are completed arrangements.

Second, Do not attempt too many appointment. Coming from Alaska into the tropical heat of Washington has affected my throat and I probably will not be able to give over three or four addresses in your Presbytery - the fewer the better.

Third, have the appointments close together, following each other day after day, as my time is very full and I do not wish to be away from Washington an hour longer than is necessary. My present plan is to come direct to the first appointment and then meet each succeeding one and return to Washington so that one trip will cover all.

I would think it worth while in addition to the annual meeting at Meadville that a popular meeting be held at Erie, and possibly one at Titusville or Oil City. In the adjoining Presbytery I will only be able to attend the annual meeting.

Kindly send me your plans from day to day as they develop.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

September 17, 1900.

Major T. E. True, U.S.A.,
Dépot. Quartermaster
War Department, City.

My dear Major True:

The papers sent May 4th, 1900 announcing that the Auditor had held up the extra compensation paid me by the direction of the Secretary of War reached me about July 14th in Bering Sea. I immediately replied, and the papers have probably reached the Secretary of War, who will take some action. In the mean time I wish to say that if the Auditor does not reconsider the suspension and Congress does not furnish any relief, I will see that the $1300 paid to me is refunded to you.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

September 17, 1900.

Mrs. George C. Yeisley,

Hudson, New York.

My dear Mrs. Yaisley:

Mrs. Pingry of the Board of Home Missions, informs me that I am to speak at your annual meeting on the morning of the 18th of October. As I have an engagement at "Lake Mohonk Conference of the Friends of the Indians", kindly place me the first speaker on the list so that I can take a train and reach Lake Mohonk that afternoon or early evening. So far as I have heard I believe I am not to address any other meeting than your synodical in that section of New York.

I hope the auxiliaries are remembering the annual meeting in special prayer, that we may have all of us a baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Kind regards to your husband.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

"What do you wish me to speak upon?

September 18, 1900.

Hon. W. T. Harris,

Commissioner of Education.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from you of a copy of a letter dated August 25, 1900, from the Acting Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a communication dated November 29,"1900" from the Chargé d'Affaires of Norway and Sweden, referring to the complaints of certain Laplanders in the employ of the United States Government.

No copy of the complaints of the 25 Laplanders has been received at this Office.

The letter of the Chargé d'Affaires of Norway and Sweden makes the following statement:

"The men complain in this letter that the provisions of their contracts have not been properly observed by the Agents at the Station. They assert that they have been so badly fed and clothed that many of them have fallen sick. They have also been compelled to pay exorbitant prices at the Station, for articles which they have been forced to buy there."

Permit me to state that the Superintendent in charge of the Station at the time referred to, was William A. Kjellmann, a Norwegian, born and brought up in Lapland, Norway, who speaks the Norwegian and Lapland languages fluently. By orders from this Office he issued monthly to each adult in the Laplander families (with a smaller amount to each child) the following rations:

Flour	35 pounds,
Oat meal	2 "
Peas	1 1/2 "
Beans	2 1/2 "
Corn meal	2 "
Green coffee	2 1/2 "
Cube sugar	1 1/2 "
Brown sugar	3 "
Chocolate	1 "
Butter	2 1/2 "
Chicory	1/2 "
Bacon	8 pounds,
Roast beef	4 "
Salt beef	4 "
Potatoes	1 1/2 "
Yeast	1 package,
Baking powder	1/2 "
Soap	1 "
Matches	1 package,
Tea	1/2 "
Molasses	1 quart,
Condensed milk	2 cans.

This is practically the same as the regular rations furnished the Army of the United States with such slight changes as were requested by the Laplanders themselves. In addition to the regular rations they had all the fresh salmon they could use in the summer and salted salmon in the winter. It would seem that the food supply was sufficient, inasmuch as there is evidence that some of them sold a surplus to their Eskimo neighbors.

With regard to the complaint that the Laplanders were "compelled to pay exorbitant prices at the Station for articles which they have been forced to buy there," permit me to reply, that the Superintendent in charge had instructions to sell the Lapps extra supplies at Seattle prices with freight added. The scale of prices at the Station are much lower than those usually charged in that section of the country.

I have in my Division the official account book of the Station for 1898 and 1899 giving the personal account of each Laplander, the article sold, quantity and price. From that book the scale of prices is as follows: (Column 1.)

The prices paid by Miners and others at the stores of the Commercial Companies in that same region during the same year are found in Column 2.

Article.	Price to Laplanders.	Price to Miners.	Article.	Price to Laplanders.	Price to Miners.
Calico per yd.	.05	.15	Bacon lb.	.15	.35
Sheeting "	.07	.20	Roast beef "	.08	.50
Flour per sack	1.35	3.00 6.00	Venison "	.10	1.00
Butter per lb.	.35	.75	Rolled oats "	.05	.20
Cube sugar "	.08	.25	Coffee "	.15	.50
Beans "	.06	.12 1/2	Tea "	.50	.75
Pants Woolen	2.00	10.00	Rice "	.06	.15
Shirts	2.25	2.50	Tobacco "	.35	.50

With regard to the letter of Lars Larsen Huti, dated June 25, 1900, permit me to say that there was no such person at the Station. If Lars Larsen Hatta, who was sick last winter from over eating is meant, I have the honor to report that he is well and strong again and returned to Lapland,---after giving much trouble to the Superintendent of the Station with drunkenness.

After leaving Seattle, August 31st, while drunk in a tourist car, he smashed one of the large plate glass windows; and again on September 3d, in a drunken fight in the car, his face was badly bruised.

If Lars Larsen Anti is meant, he died at the Station April 22, 1900. He was taken sick with inflammatory rheumatism at Haines Station in March, 1898, a few days after landing in Alaska. We have since learned that he had been subject to rheumatism for years before coming to the United States. From the time that he landed in Alaska, March 1898, until his death, April 1900, although he performed no service he was paid regular wages, rations and clothing, and had the visits and care of a good physician for the two years that he was in this country. It is natural that with the morbid feelings of a confirmed invalid he thought himself neglected but I am confident that everything was done for him that could have been done under the circumstances. At his death he left to his father from his wages, $455.49; showing that if he had needed anything additional he had abundant means for procuring it.

The Laplanders in Alaska have been afforded generous treatment by the Agents of the Government, and have received not only a much larger compensation than they were accustomed to receive in Lapland but also a better supply of food.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Sheldon Jackson

United States General Agent of
Education in Alaska.

COPY. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, December 5, 1899.

The Honorable

The Secretary of War,

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose for your information and consideration copy of a note from the Minister of Sweden and Norway at this capital presenting the complaint of certain reindeer-keepers, engaged by Mr. Sheldon Jackson in his capacity as agent of the United States, alleging ill treatment and that their contracts have not been properly observed. It is thought that Mr. Jackson was acting in the capacity of agent of your Department, and, if this is so, I have the honor to request that you will kindly cause the matter to be investigated and advise this Department of the result.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY.

Enclosure:

From Minister of Sweden and Norway,

November 29, 1899.

Translation.

LEGATION OF NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

Washington, November 29, 1900.

Mr. Secretary of State:

The King's Legation has recently received, from Eaton Station, Alaska (?), a letter dated June 30 last, and signed by 25 reindeer-keepers, who were engaged in 1898 by Mr. Sheldon Jackson in his capacity as agent of the United States. Mr. Jackson signed the contracts, adding "U.S.Agent." The men complain in this letter that the provisions of their contracts have not been properly observed by the agents at the station. They assert that they have been so badly fed and clothed that many of them have fallen sick. They have, also, been compelled to pay exorbitant prices at the station, for articles which they have been forced to buy there.

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter written on the 25th of June last by one of the shepherds, on his deathbed, who asserts that, in spite of his illness, he had not received sufficient medical attention, and that he was dying in consequence of the want of such care.

The King's Legation has no means of ascertaining whether the allegations of the shepherds, who appear to be living on the high table-lands of Alaska, are well founded; since, however, as I had the honor to say above the complaint is signed by 25 men, I thought that I might venture to inform Your Excellency of its contents, in case you should kindly call the attention of the proper authorities to the subject.

Accept etc.,

A. Grip.

His Excellency
Mr. Hay,
etc. etc. etc.

Translation.

Eaton Station, June 25, 1900.

I am so ill that I cannot turn myself over in my bed, and as I have been confined to my bed since the 1st December, and cannot procure the most necessary attention, besides having bad food, which I cannot digest, and the Doctor has been to see me only a few times, and seldom gives me any medicine, I wish to write a complaint, as I am probably lying on my deathbed, in consequence of want of care and medical attendance. And my manager says that it serves me right to be sick, because I will not work, which it is impossible for me to do.

Respectfully,

Lars Larsen Huti.

Witnesses.

Pedes Berg.

Alfred Hermansen.

Samuel Balto.

W. D. Dec. 13, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, the reindeer in question having been turned over to that Department early last year.

The Department of State has been advised of this reference.

G. D. Meiklejohn,

Assistant Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Office of the Assistant Secretary ,

Washington, August 30,1900.

Sir:

Referring to personal request from your Department for copies of certain complaints of Indian reindeer-herders employed in Alaska under Dr. Sheldon Jackson referred to your Department on December 13th last, I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of the papers in question.

Very respectfully,

(signed) G. D. Meiklejohn,
Assistant Secretary of War.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior.

Inclosures.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, August 25, 1900.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Assistant Secretary of War advised this Department in a letter, dated December 13, last, that he had referred to you for consideration this Department's letter to the War Department, of the 5th of that month, in relation to the complaint of certain reindeer-keepers, engaged by Mr. Sheldon Jackson in his capacity as agent of the United States alleging ill-treatment and that their contracts have not been properly observed.

At the request of the Charge d'Affaires of Sweden and Norway, I beg to request that you will advise the Department of the status of the matter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

your obedient servant,

(signed) Alvey A. Adee,

Acting Secretary.

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August 25, 1900.

Acting Secretary
of State.

Directs attention to a letter from War Department, dated December 13,1899,addressed to the Department of the Interior, relative to complaint of certain reindeer keepers engaged by Dr.Jackson in Alaska, alleging ill treatment. At the request of the Charge d'Affaires of Sweden and Norway, desires status of said complaint.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

September 11, 1900.

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Education, for consideration and such report as the facts in the case may warrant.

(signed) F.L.Campbell,
Assistant Secretary.

September 19, 1900.

Rev. M. D. McClelland,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Brother,

Yours of April 16th last has evidently been awaiting my return to Washington all summer. I am much obliged for an anstract of the Proceedings of Presbytery, and in response to item 13, enclose you my check for $10.50

I assure you it is a great regret that I am unable to be present at the meetings of Presbytery. My movements in Alaska are so uncertain that it would be almost impossible for me to set a time sufficiently far in advance to enable the Stated Clerk to notify the other members of Presbytery. I will read with very great interest the abstract of proceedings which you are so kind as to send me.

Now with regard to securing and appointment of a Presbyterial or General Missionary for Southeast Alaska, concerning which you write, I would state that it has been much on my mind for several years past and I have occasionally mentioned it to the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions. The pressure of other duties and the arrival of years when it is improper for me to endure the exposure which I have been accustomed to in past years, and which will be necessary for a man that does his work efficiently in Southeast Alaska , forbids my giving more than a general oversight to the work and I will very gladly cooperate with the Presbytery in trying to secure a man who can give his whole time to it. The greatest obstacle in the way is the unwillingness of the Board at New York to enlarge the Alaska work or for that matter, any other work any faster than funds are contributed by the Church It is possible however that as the natives are absent all summer from both Hoonah and Jackson, that the Ministers at these two places could be employed in general work during the summer the Brother at Jackson covering ~~the~~ Prince of Wales Island and the country from Kake southward while the Borther at Hoonah could take the country from Kake northward, the additional expense to the Board being their travelling expenses. The time has come however when more ministers and more work must be done if we are to do our share of evangelizing and holding that section of the country. Anything that occurs to you at any time that will increase the efficiency of our work do not hesitate to write me, and I will gladly cooperate in any possible way.

With kind regards to Mrs. McClelland, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

September 19, 1900.

The Cashier of
The Merchants National Bank,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Yours with book and vouchers is received. I also confirm your endorsement of the check on the Assistant Treasurer, New York.

I wish you would send me the correct form for endorsement when I wish to send a check to be deposited.

Have you yet received the Reindeer Report for 1899?

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

September 19, 1900.

The Assembly Herald,
Room 420, 156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

Your postal received. Enclosed find 36 cents for the Herald from September 1900 to December 1901.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

9/19/1900

Merchants National Bank
New York City

Enclosed find Check for $100
on the Hanover Natl. BK. N.Y.
which please place to my
Credit on your books

Sheldon Jackson

September 20, 1900.

The Cashier of the
Merchants National Bank,
42 Wall Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for One Hundred Dollars, which please place to my credit on your books.

Very truly yours,

General Agent, Ed,

Enclosure.

September 20, 1900.

Mrs. H. H. Jackson,
17 New England Terrace,
Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Madam:

Yours of April 25th has been awaiting my recent return from Alaska. If I had been in this section of the country it would have given me pleasure to have made a missionary address at the Hillside Presbyterian Church on May 4th; but of course it is now too late and my object in writing is simply to let you know that I did not reply earlier because your letter was not received. Perhaps on some future occasion the ladies may invite me to their annual Presbyterial meeting which it will give me great pleasure to address

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

September 21, 1900.

Mrs. William Thaw,
P. O. Box 1086,
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Thaw:

Yours of september 18th is received and I am very glad that you have undertaken to put a memorial window in the Presbyterian Church at Winfield, Iowa to Mr. Gambell and family. Both the purpose to make the window and the design for the same are very appropriate.

In reply to your inquiries concerning the St. Lawrence Island I would state that during the winter of 1899-1900 the place was occupied by Dr. J. H. Lerrigo, an earnest Christian physician who had been educated as a medical missionary in the Baptist Church. As far as I could ascertain this summer, he has done good work at the Station. This year the Rev. W. T. Doty, who was at St.Lawrence Island in 1898-99 returned to the Station for one year and will be there this present winter. Dr. Lerrigo also remains with him for another year. I have also inconnection with the Station two Laplanders, one of them ~~being~~ a wife and two children and have placed a small herd of reindeer on the island in connection with the mission. When I left there were only 29 head of deer, but I left instructions with the Revenue Cutter "Bear" to take later in the fall a sufficient number from the Teller Reindeer Station to give the Gambell Mission One Hundred head of deer, which I trust will be done. While the Cutter "Bear" was at St. Lawrence Island taking the census, the Captain very kindly allowed me two carpenters and two or three of the sailors with whom I built the addition to the school house. You remember that the lumber was taken up in the summer of 1899, but that I failed to get a carpenter. That lumber, hardware etc. was found intact and placed in position this season. We were not able to remain there long enough to fully complete the house but had it enclosed and so far along that Dr. Lerrigo and Mr. Doty with the assistance of the natives will be able to complete it themselves.

The Alaska and Siberian shores of Bering Sea have been visited this season with an epidemic of La Grippe followed by measles and pneumonia, the result of which is that about one-third of the native population of that region have died. At St. Lawrence Island out of a population of about 300 there were 25 deaths in the first month after the arrival of Mr. Doty. At the Teller Reindeer Station in Alaska and Indian Point in Siberia, about one-half of the native population died. There has been no such visitation of disease in that region in the memory of the present inhabitants. This epidemic raged during the fishing season with the result that the people were unable to catch the fish or to lay in their usual supply of winter food; as starvation awaited them the Revenue Cutter "Bear" is now engaged in taking food supplies to the various centers of population and leaving them with the missionaries for distribution this coming winter, as the necessities of the case may require. It is supposed that the Government will expend $130,000 in provisions.

Now with regard to Dr. Young. He was sick much of last winter in the hospital at Nome; ~~he~~ Last spring, as soon as he was well enough he went to Council City to a ~~meeting~~ mining camp some distance from Nome where he laid the foundations of a church and congregation. He then returned to Nome where I met him and we went to work to gather the Presbyterian forces, A few weeks later he was joined by the Rev. Mr, Kirk of Eagle City, and late in the summer by Rev. Mr, Koonce of Rampart City in the Yukon Valley. The three brethren held a meetingof Presbytery and received into their Presbytery two ministerial brothers by the name of Scroggs. One of whom had been a medical missionary of the foreign board in Siam. The other had been a teacher at Park College and a missionary among the mountain whites of Kentucky or Tennessee.

Dr. Young is very poorly in healthand the doctors have ordered him to return to his family and spend the entire winter in perfect quiet and rest. They state that this is the only thing that will save his life. Early in August Dr. Young, the two Rev. Scroggs, Rev. Governor Brady, and myself, - five Presbyterian ministers, met at Nome and organized a Presbyterian Church. When Dr. Young leaves the Rev. Mr. Scroggs will remain as missionary. Nome is, as you may judge by the papers, a wild frontier place, and while saloons abound and gambling houses and much impurity there is still a residue of first class educated and refined men and women. I suppose there are about 100 Presbyterian communicants in the place. The Congregationalists and Episcopalians also have churches there. The population when I left was in the neighborhood of 17 to 20,000 people. probably 12,000 or more expect to winter at Nome.

I am to address the ~~new york~~ annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society for the Presbytery of Erie at Meadville, Pa. on the 10th of October, and ~~at~~ the annual meeting of the Women's Presbytery at Clarion on the 11th. If you expect to be at home about the 11th, 12th or 13th I will try and call on my way from Clarion Presbytery to Washington, as there are many things to say about the work in Alaska that would be tedious to write.

My eldest daughter is keeping house for her uncle in New York State and the youngest is in Europe. Mrs. Jackson and myself being alone in Washington. If she knew that I was writing she would send her regards.

I sent you a couple of the 1899 Reindeer Report; in the appendix you will find a very full account of the character of the natives of St. Lawrence Island.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

September 22, 1900.

Dr. F. H. Gambell, M.D.,

Eaton, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I neglected to mention yesterday that the Postoffice Department expected you to run the mail to Kotzebue this winter. They would have been glad to have given you the contract also to Nome, and delayed up to almost the last limit hoping that Mr. Kimball would send in your bid; but it did not come and so they applied to the Canadian Company to know what they would do it for. Some days afterwards your bid was received from Mr. Kimball and would have been accepted if it had reached here in time. The mishap is a source of regret to the P. O. Department as they were gratified at the showing made last year. I am not sure but it is a good Providence that has prevented our getting the Nome route this year as I fear the moss supply on that route, at least from Golovin to Nome, is all burned off. It is against the law to burn the moss but I do not know that the law can be enforced---at least at present. I sincerely hope that you will be able to make an example of some miner who has interfered with the reindeer, as that will deter others.

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

September 21, 1900.

Dr. Francis H. Gambell, M.D.,

Eaton, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Your two letters of the 30th of August are received, and I am very glad to hear from you. I hope that you will be able to punish the men that have been shooting the deer. I think the imprisonment of one miner would be sufficient to cause all others to respect the government property. The law is explicit and ample. I will try during the winter to have the peninsula where you keep the herd in summer, set aside as a government reservation for the reindeer.

I had a letter yesterday from Mrs. William Thaw of Pittsburg who is placing in the Presbyterian Church at Winfield, Iowa, a beautiful memorial window for your brother and his family. It is a very nice thing for her to do, and I have just written her a letter with regard to it.

I sent you a few days ago two or three letters, each being a copy of the other, with regard to taking a herd to the Roman Catholics at Koserefsky, or Nulato, or wherever else they want them placed. Dr. Harris is exceedingly anxious that this should be done, and if necessary done entirely at government expense.

The government paying not only the salaries of the Laplanders but also for their provisions and clothing. You will therefore at some suitable time during the winter drive a herd of 100 up to the Yukon River and offer them to the Roman Catholics, and try and get them to accept them. Of course if they will not accept them there will be nothing left for you but to return them to the Eaton Station, but if it is possible get them to accept them. If they utterly refuse to accept them have such testimony that they so refused that when we may be attacked in the Roman Catholic papers we can defend ourselves.

This letter is private and unofficial. The letter sent you before is the official letter, but I write this that you may know why the first one was written.

I note what you say about Nango carrying off a Number 44 Rifle; unfortunately he has been paid up and is in Alaska. However we did not allow any of the eleven that went to Lapland any of their claims for clothing; it is barely possible that Nango had a claim for clothing that will offset the gun. I wish I had known it before I paid up his salary. I think I have already written you that the Lapps attempted to bulldoze me and make the government pay their expenses back to Lapland. When I got to Seattle they refused to put up any money for travelling expenses. I went and got the Norwegian and Swedish Consul; he read the contracts and showed them there was no other way - that the government was under no obligation to return them to Lapland and that if they did not put the money up he understood that we would leave them at Seattle. This brought them to their senses. I understand, however, that when they got to Lapland they are going to make complaints through the Norwegian Minister at Washington against their treatment, and the refusal of the U. S. Government to return them to Lapland.

Very truly yours,

September 22, 1900.

Mr. Chas. F. Cox,

Treasurer C.C.C. & St. L. R'y Company,

Sir:-

My wife, Mary V. Jackson, holds Certificate No. D 3438, dated June 5, 1890, representing 29 shares of Common Stock of the C.C.C. & St. L. Railway Co. She has received no dividend on it since August 4, 1893. In the 11th Annual Report of the Directors, we notice that 2 dividends are reported.

Previous to August 4, 1893, the dividends were sent by mail without our writing for them. Kindly look over your books and see what other dividends due Mary V. Jackson remain unpaid and let us know. Our address is U. S. Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Sept 27

Mr A. Chilberg
Pres't Scandinavian Amer Bk
Seattle Wash

Dear Sir

Mr [illegible] Dahl of your city gave a note to Mr C.K. Krogh of Alaska, which will become due this month. Upon the strength of that note I advanced Mr Krogh last spring ~~[illegible]~~ $100. taking his note for the same.

I enclose you his note for collection. When collected please send me exchange on New York payable to my order for principal & interest, the cost of exchange to be paid by Mr Krogh.

The [illegible] of Mr Krogh's money I ask [illegible] kindly send to Mrs L.A. Kebolt Box 44 [illegible] Minn. I was under the impression that Mr Dahl's note was at the 1st Natl Bk, but they write me that there is no such note with them, & Mr Dahl writes me that the note is with you.

Thanking you in advance [illegible]

First National Bank of Seattle
Seattle Wash May 4. 1900

Dr Sheldon Jackson

Sir

When I receive from the First National Bank of Seattle Wash. the money due me from the [illegible] Bank, you will please pay yourself the One hundred dollars loaned me at 6 pr ct & send the balance to my daughter Mrs L. A. [illegible] Box 448. [illegible] Illinois. Very truly yours.

(Signed) Ole Krogh

Seattle Wash May 4th 1900

On or before 1st of September 1900 without grace I promise to pay to the order of Sheldon Jackson at the Scandinavian American Bk the sum of One hundred dollars for value received with interest from May 1. 1900 at the rate of six per cent [illegible] principal & interest payable in U.S. gold coin, for value received. Each & every party signing this note hereby waives presentment, protest and notice of non-payment thereof, ~~them as~~ and promises in case suit is instituted to collect the same or any portion thereof, ~~binds himself~~ to pay in addition to the sums as the Court may adjudge reasonable as Attorneys fees in said suit.

(Signed) [illegible]

Washington D.C. 7/29/ 0

Miss Grace Parker
73 Herkimer St. Buffalo. N.Y.

Madam.

I wrote you last spring, that if you wish me to wait on you for the principal of your note, it will be necessary for you to keep up the interest on the same.

I am sorry to say that no reply has been received from you and fear you did not receive my letter. May I not ask your immediate attention to this. as I am unwilling to wait longer unless the interest is paid.

Truly yours

[illegible] Jackson

October 1, 1900.

Rev. O. P. Emerson,

Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for the 37th Annual Report of the work of your churches in the islands. I have read it with great interest and trust that you will remember each year to send me a copy.

I mail you a copy of the Alaska Reindeer Report, which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c

Oct. 1, 1900.

Mrs. Elliot F. Shepherd,

Scarborough, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Shepherd:

I have had a copy of the annual Reports from Point Barrow Alaska, made for you which I enclose in this letter. I have no doubt that you have had letter direct from the missionaries there but thought that the inclosed might throw some new side light on addition to that you have received yourself.

I am very glad that the herd of reindeer which have been placed there are doing well and look forward with confidence to the time when they will be of material assistance to the mission.

Trusting that you and your children and their families are in good health, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

October 1, 1900.

Mrs.Edwin M. Rice,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Rice:

Last week upon the reception of your letter I sent as requested such pamphlets on Mission work in Utah as I could lay my hands upon. I hope they reached you safely and will be of some assistance. The most urgent need at present are funds for the College. I do not know of a more needy or urgent case in our land than that that institution should be enabled to get on its feet.

Wishing you success in the presentation of the cause I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

October 1, 1900.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D.,
Secretary Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. Thompson:

I trust that the Board has taken up and commissioned the Rev. S. R. Spriggs Missionary at Point Barrow. You remember that last year he was carried by the government as teacher at that station, but this year in the absence of Dr. Marsh there is so much work that Mr. Spriggs was unable to care for the school, and at their request made last year, Mrs. Spriggs has been appointed teacher; but her salary will not be sufficient to support them both, and it will be necessary for the Board to pay Mr. Spriggs. As you know, it is exceedingly expensive living in that place. Their coal costing from $50 to $60 a ton, and freight on their provisions and supplies $40 a ton. When the Board takes action in the matter please have me informed of what action you take.

I learn that Dr. Young has safely reached the East and I hope the Board will insist on his remaining quiet until he is fully recovered. I don't think that he himself is a good judge when he is recovered. In his anxiety to push forward the work he commences before he has sufficient strength.

Trusting that you will have a profitable hearing before the Synods this fall I remain,

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

October 1, 1900.

Mrs. William Thaw,
P. O. Box 1086,
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Thaw:

Yours of recent date is received, and if I can I will be very glad to spend the Sabbath at Pittsburg. I have just received a letter from Dr. McEwan kindly inviting me to his Church; it looks now as if I would be able to accept it. The whole thing is dependent upon the ladies of the Erie Presbytery; but I think that that can be arranged, and without doubt that I can spend the 14th at Pittsburg.

With regard to naming the Mission on St. Lawrence Island "Gambell", I am the guilty party. St. Lawrence Island is one hundred miles long; the village where our Mission is is on the extreme northwestern point. It has not name of its own that is pronounceable; it was on no map of any kind until placed on the map which I annually get up for my reindeer report. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Gambell it seemed to me to be the appropriate thing, as the place needed a name, to make the Mission a memorial to the devoted couple that started it. By the way, did you see the series of four articles in the Youths Companion last spring with regard to the experiences of the Gambells at that place? I notice that it is being republished in the Woman's Home Missionary by our Woman's Board. It is one of the best portrayals of the inner life, hopes and fears of a missionary family living among a barbarous people far removed from all the protection of courts or government, that I have ever seen. I do not know how it strikes the public but it is exceedingly touching to me, who can understand what the words means and can read between the lines, knowing the movements of the mind. If you have not seen it let me know and I will send you a copy of the Youths Companion.

I have just read with interest Francis La Flesche's book on "The Middle Five."

Hoping to see you soon and have a full talk on Alaska matters I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Since writing the above I have [illegible]
[illegible]

October 1, 1900.

The Honorable

The Secretary of War.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed bill of Dalton & Maloney for supplies furnished the men in September 1898, that were driving across the country from Haines Mission to Circle City, Alaska, the Reindeer for the War Department. You will notice that they charge one dollar a pound for flour, oat meal and fruit; and $2.50 per pound for Coffee and $2.00 for baking powder, and 40 cents a bunch for matches. I consider these charges exorbitant. It is true that the goods were purchased on the Dalton Trail some distance from the sea shore where we would expect prices to be very high. I have taken pains to inquire from several different parties who have been engaged in merchandize through the Klondike and Yukon valley routes, and without exception they all state that the prices are from two to three times as great as those charged by themselves; therefore, in certifying to the account I have certified to a charge of one-half of the amount asked, and think that under the circumstances it would be right to pay $150.25 in place of $300.50 charged.

I formerly sent you the original of a letter which was sent by the store-keeper to the firm in which he intimates that he had charged all that he thought it possible to get. I now enclose you a copy of the same, the original being on file in your Department.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

Sheldon Jackson

Ex Special Agent for the
War Department.

October 1, 1900.

Rev. William L. McEwan, D. D.,

Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Doctor:

Your note of the 25th has just reached me this morning and it will give me pleasure to spend Sabbath, October 14th at Pittsburg. I leave the arrangements with yourself.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

October 1, 1900.

Mrs. D. F. Deifenderfer,
415 Chestnut Street.
Erie, Pennsylvania.

My dear Madam:

Yours of September 28th is received. I can speak both at Meadville and Brockway. If there is another opening I could also speak on the 12th; on the 13th and 14th I am to be at Pittsburg. When I see you at Meadville we can discuss the question of some meetings later in the winter.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

What is the best railway to take between Pittsburgh & Meadville?

October 1, 1900.

Mrs. A. B. Robinson,

Clarion, Pennsylvania.

My dear Madam:

Mrs. Diefenderfer wishes me to write you whether I can be present at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society for the Presbytery at Clarion on October 11th. You may expect me for the same. Dr. McMillan ~~from Meadville~~ + I will come together from Meadville on the 11th. ~~will come with me if I come on the 11th.~~

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

October 1, 1900.

Mrs. George Yeisley,

Hudson, New York.

My dear Mrs. Yeisley:

I notice by the Woman's Home Missions that the annual meeting of the New York Synodical Society is on the 17th and 18th, and it has occurred to me that possibly it would be convenient for you to place me in the programme on the 17th rather than the morning of the 18th; if, however, it will disarrange your plans too much, leave it as it is, to speak on the morning of the 18th. If I could make the address on the 17th it would assist me in reaching my next appointment at Lake Mohonk. If it is continued for the morning of the 18th could it not be at a few minutes earlier than 10 and a half, in order that I might reach the 11.20 train for Syracuse? I can come up previous to the meeting at any time that I may be needed.

With kind regards to your husband I remain,

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

October 1, 1900.

Rev. Thomas S. McWilliams,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Brother:

Upon my arrival at Washington I found it inconvenient to go with the Lapps, consequently we arranged through the State Department for the U. S. Consuls at Liverpool, Hull and Bergen to look after them in their changes. Not going to Norway as I expected I was unable to get you the stamps which you wished and therefore return the dollar which you gave me for that purpose.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs. McWilliams and the Boy.

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

(Enclosure.)

[illegible]

Messrs [illegible]

[illegible] 4th [illegible]

Sirs

[illegible] to me [illegible]

[illegible]

On the [illegible] Howard Park, I would [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours

[illegible]

Washington DC. Dec 1 [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Messrs [illegible] of your City have written me [illegible] lot [illegible] [illegible] Park

I have written them that you are [illegible] & that we [illegible] them a price. The lots were purchased at $26 3.00 & have cost my wife over $3000. She will [illegible] at $2500.

[illegible]

[illegible]

October 2, 1900.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Madam:

Your telegram was received last night and I will be unable to address a mass meeting at Erie on the 7th , as you propose, but when we meet at Meadville perhaps we can arrange for some future occasion when I can visit all the leading centers in your Presbytery.

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

October 2, 1900.

Mrs. J. C. Kingsland,
76 West Walnut Street,
Titusville, Pa.

My dear Madam:

Yours of September 29th is just received and I greatly regret to say that I will be unable to make addresses at Titusville either on the 11th or 14th, as on the 11th I am to speak for the ladies of the Clarion Presbytery, and on the 14th am to be in Pittsburg. But if you will see me at Meadville perhaps we can arrange for some future time.

Thanking you for your kind invitation to be your guest if in Titusville, I remain

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

COPY.

J.P.Morgan & Co.
Wall St.Corner Broad,
New York.
--
Drexel & Co.
Philadelphia.

Morgan,Harjes & Co.
Paris.

New York, October 1st, 1900.

Sheldon Jackson, Esq.,
Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Education, Alaska Division,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your favor of September 29th and in reply beg to say that we have an order on file from Mary V. Jackson requesting us to send dividends on C. C. C. & St. L. Common Stock registered in her name to the Second National Bank, Fifth Avenue & 23rd Street, New York City, and in accordance therewith we sent dividend due September 1st on all stock registered in her name.

Yours truly,

(signed) J. P. Morgan & Co.

October 2, 1900.

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co.,
Wall St., Cor. Broad,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of October 1st is received. I this day write to the Second National Bank, New York, for Mrs. Jackson's dividends. We can not conceive how she ever gave you an order to deposit them at that Bank, as we know no one in the Bank, have never had any dealings with it, and have never been residents of New York City. If it is not too much trouble have one of the Clerks make a copy of that order which is on file with you and enclose to me. It is not essential but we are curious to know how such an order came to be in existence. Also kindly inform me whether any dividends have been paid between 1893 and 1900. The last dividend received by my wife was August 4th, 1893. It may be that somebody else has been getting our dividends all these years.

I am sorry to trouble you but it is of much importance to us.

Very truly yours,

October 2, 1900.

The Second National Bank,
Fifth Avenue & 23d Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have just received from J. P. Morgan & Co., a letter, a copy of which I enclose. Mary V. Jackson is my wife. We have been wondering for some time why she received no dividends from her stock in the C.C.C. & St.L.R'y Company. It seems that some dividends have been placed to her credit by J.P.Morgan & Co. in your Bank, claiming that they have an order on file from her to thus deposit them. This is very strange to us as we have no acquaintance with your Bank, have never lived in New York City, and do not know how such an order came to have any existence. However, I enclose also a letter from my wife asking whatever deposit may be to her credit in the Bank shall be sent to her, Mary V. Jackson, Concord Flats, Washington, D. C. If you wish any references I would refer you to J.W. Harriman, Cashier of the Merchants National Bank, 42 Wall Str., or to Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, both of whom are acquainted with me.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble, I remain

Very truly yours,

General Agent of Education in
Alaska.

October 2, 1900.

The Second National Bank,
Fifth Avenue & 23d Street,
New York City.

Sirs:

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. inform me that they have sent your Bank certain dividends of the C.C.C. & St.L.R'y Co. to be deposited to my credit. Will you kindly mail to me, payable to my order, whatever sum is to my credit on your books. Or if you prefer, write me the amount and I will send a check through my Washington Bank for collection.

Very respectfully yours,

Concord Flats, Washington, D.C.

October 4, 1900.

Rev. George M. Hickman,

Bradford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of september 30th to the Woman's Boardin New York, has just been sent to me. It would give me pleasure to visit your community in the interest of Missions. I am to be at Meadville on the 10th, at Brockville on the 11th, and at Pittsburg on the 14th. If you were a little nearer Pittsburg I could visit your place on the 12th. I have no appointment to interfere with my coming on the evening of the 31st, only it seems a long way to come from Washington ~~and~~ to Bradford and return for simply one address. I expect to have a conference with the ladies of your Presbytery at Meadville with reference to a series of meetings at some future time among the leading churches of your Presbytery. I can also confer with the ladies of your Church that may be at Meadville, with regard to the expediency of coming to Bradford on the 31st. But it will give me pleasure to visit your people some time.

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

October 4, 1900.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Madam:

Your letter without date is just received, together with programme of meeting. I will leave Washington for Pittsburg Tuesday night and take the A.M. 8:25 train on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad from Pittsburg to Meadville reaching Meadville at 12:45 P.M. If there shall be any time between the afternoon and evening meetings---which is doubtful---I would like to meet a few of your leading ladies in a private conference with regard to future meetings and future plans. Praying that we may have the presence of the Spirit in a marked degree, I remain,

Yours truly,

General Agent, &c.

October 6, 1900.

Rev. M. Egbert Koonce,

St. Michael, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Koonce:

Yours of September 13th is received. I regret very much not having the privilege of meeting you at Nome during the summer. I heartily approve of your judgment in returning to St. Michael and making that headquarters for your work, as it will be an important point . If you can visit Golovin once or twice during the winter that also will be a good move. It will give me pleasure to apply for a permit which will enable you to travel on the "Bear" next summer to Point Barrow, and return. I think the strong probabilities are that I will succeed in the application, so that you can make your arrangements accordingly.*

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

* Very much will depend on the Captain
of the

October 6, 1900.

Mr. Wm. A. Kjellmann,
Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Kjellmann:

Mr. Hamilton and myself have just gone as sureties on your contract for carrying the mail last winter. I think the contract in duplicate is now all in shape as the Chief Clerk of the Second Assistant Postmaster General went over it with me. You failed to have a witness to your signature, but as it was so well known to myself the Postoffice Department allowed me to be a witness. The probabilities are that you will receive the pay very shortly now for the contract between Eaton and Nome. Mr. Gambell reports five round trips, which at $480 a trip, means $2,400. With this route David Johnson Elliott had nothing to do whatever, as he was sick in the hospital at the time and refused to have any responsibility. The whole work was done under the management of Dr. Francis H. Gambell. As it will now be difficult to get a letter to him with any guarantee that it will go through the winter mail, allow me to suggest that if it is agreeable to you that you send to me as agent for Mr. Gambell the money which you would otherwise send him for settling up the accounts, as Mr. Gambell has given me a partial list of those accounts, some of which can better be settled from Washington than from Eaton. The carrying of the mail between St. Michael, Golovin and Kotzebue, does not come into this account at all but is a separate affair; that contract was directed by Mr. Elliott subletting from you, and the work was done largely by Nils Klemansen and the Swedish missionaries at Golovin. If I understand the situation you have only received pay for one ~~contract~~ trip on the Kotzebue route, and the other two ~~contracts~~ trips are held up for further information that they were carried. I think that the post master at Kotzebue failed to report the arrival or departure of the mail---it may take all of next summer for me to straighten that out.

Do you expect to visit New York or the neighborhood of Washington during the winter? If so make your arrangements to give us a call. How about your health? You so far have failed to say anything about it in your letters.

With kind regards to Mrs. Kjellmann I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

October 9, 1900.

Rev. James W. Kirk,

Eagle, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Kirk:

Your good long letter of August 2nd is received and read with great interest. I have recently had a letter from Mr. Koonce. He only remained at Golovin a short time and when he wrote was at St.Michael, where he expected to spend the winter. I think that is the right place for him, with an occasional visit to Golovin. Rev. Dr. Young has returned to his family. I have heard of him but not from him.

I agree with the estimate expressed in your letterthat it was better for Mr. Scroggs to remain at Nome than for Dr. Young. I cannot say positively, but my impression is, that if the Church at Nome does not raise Mr. Scroggs' salary entirely that Mrs. Thaw will pay the balance. I am under appointment to give an address at the Church of which she is a member, in Pittsburg next Sabbath on the subject of missions in Alaska, and especially the need of Nome. We had an interesting occasion at the organization of the Presbyterian Church at Nome: Governor Brady, Dr. Young, the two ministerial brothers Scroggs, and myself taking part in the services.

I hope that you found the work going on nicely under your noble wife when you returned to Eagle, and that you will not be delayed by sand-bars on your return.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Washington D.C. [illegible] 9th

Miss Grace Parker
73 Herkimer St. Buffalo N.Y.

Madam

I wrote you some days ago, that, if you wish me to wait upon you for the principal of your note which I hold, it will be important for you to keep up the interest which is now overdue since June 15th 1890.

I regret to say that no reply has been received from you & I fear you did not receive my letter.

May I not ask your immediate attention & reply.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Concord Flats
Washington
D.C.

See [illegible]

October 16, 1900.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Madam:

Since conferring with a few of the ladies at Meadville I have had more time for considering the advisability of a series of meetings in your Presbytery. At the time that I met the ladies my own preference would have been to have left the meetings until towards spring, but it seemed to be the unanimous voice of the ladies for November. The first part of November will be taken up with political meetings and ~~so that~~ therefore we would not get any large number of men out to the missionary meeting. And then the latter part of the month is broken into with Thanksgiving. Of course I could spend a week or so with the Presbytery between election and thanksgiving, but a greater difficulty is that the plans that the ladies and myself wish to promote with regard to assistance of the missionary work in Utah, and especially the College are not sufficiently matured to lay before the ladies. I have some plans in my own mind but do not desire to undertake them without first consulting with Mrs. James and the officers of the Woman's Board in New York, as I do not wish to have any friction arise with regard to securing assistance for our College in Utah. The College work will crown the mission school and academic work of the Woman's Board and there should be the closest possible kind of cooperation between the two; therefore before suggesting ~~my~~ any plans for the assistance of the College it is very important that I have a conference and come to an understanding with the officers of the Woman's Board. As ~~as~~ they are now scattered over the country attending Presbyterial meetings and probably will not return to New York until November, I do not think that I will have an opportunity of conferring with them before ~~at~~ that time. On this ground mainly I would like to defer making a tour of the Presbytery until later in the season. If the Committee that was appointed at the Meadville meeting to arrange and group your churches with reference to such a meeting have completed their grouping, I would be very glad to have a copy of the same. Will you kindly write the ladies who are forming plans with regard to the meeting, and ask for a delay in time. I shall only be able to go through your Presbytery once probably in the next five or six years, and when I do so it is the part of wisdom to have all the preliminaries definitely arranged and all the conditions favorable for the accomplishment of the work we all have so much at heart. I enjoyed the meetings very much, both at Meadville and Brockville, and also had large audiences at Pittsburg and Allegheny, morning and evening on Sabbath, although the morning threatened rain.

Very truly yours,

General Agent,&c.

October 16, 1900.

Rev. George M. Hickman,

Bradford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Sir:

When I was at Meadville in conference with the Presbyterial ladies it seemed probable that I might return to Erie, Presbytery in November for a series of missionary meetings, but since leaving there, circumstances seem to prevent my coming soon, and I shall write to Mrs. Diefenderfer to-day postponing the proposed meetings till late in the winter, or it may be even until the fall of 1901. Under the circumstances if you think that the object will justify the expense I can give you Sabbath, October 28th, but will be unable to remain from Sabbath until the 31st for the "Praise Meeting"; or I can come for the Praise Meeting and not for Sabbath. I would prefer however to spend the Sabbath with your people. The expense would merely be the travelling expenses which will cost for the round trip in the neighborhood of, I think, $25. If you think that is too much, why then we will leave my coming until the time that I may be in your Presbytery. If you should decide to have me come on the 28th, I wish you would write me at once, as other churches near by Washington are asking for appointments.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

October 16, 1900.

Mr. Ferd. P. Kaiser,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Mr. Kaiser:

Yours of October 11th shipping Volume I of "The World's Best Essays" Com. Editorial Edition, is received, and I am very glad to find that it is fully up in matter and mechanical execution to the companion volumes of the "World's Best Orations." Please accept my most hearty thanks for the same.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

October 16, 1900.

Rev. H. R. Marsh, M.D.
306 N. Broadway,
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Marsh:

Yours of the 13th instant enclosing slip of Eskimo vocabulary for 1896-97 is received. No offence is given by a frank statement. I have had ~~some~~ the same ideas with regard to Mr. Kelly's vocabulary that you have: We ~~need~~ tried to use it on the Bear in dealing with the natives from Point Barrow and Cape prince of Wales but it was [illegible]. I am very glad to hear that Mr. Spriggs is engaged in preparing a vocabulary and grammar of the language, and when he is through we will be glad to have a chance to publish it. But I think before we publish any other vocabulary of the Eskimo we will have it tested and see if any other man can take and use it. If a good reliable dictionary and grammar is secured it will be a very great blessing to all the workers in that region of country.

I will be glad to see you in November but when you get to New York and find a convenient season for coming to Washington let me know several days in advance, as I am occasionally out of the city giving missionary addresses and I wish to arrange for your visit when I can be in the city. I will be glad to see you.

Very truly yours,

October 16, 1900.

Presbyterian Board of Publication,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly mail to Mrs. William Thaw, P. O. Box 1086, Pittsburg, Pa., two copies of "Life in Alaska" by Mrs. E. S. Willard. Send Mrs. Thaw bill for the same. This order is at her request.

Very respectfully yours,

General Agent, &c.

October 16, 1900.

Mr. Regnor Dahl,
4th Avenue West and Mercer Streets,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Dahl:

Yours of October 8th is received. I sincerely hope that the Laplanders will not lose the money which is due them from Mr. Lane.

Thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me of naming your 12-pound baby boy. I shall take an interest in his future. With kind regards to Mrs. Dahl, I remain

Very truly yours,

General Agent, &c.

Oct 23 — 1900

Josiah McClain
1248 Blaine Ave. Salt Lake. Utah

Arrive Saturday afternoon. Meet trustees evening. Return Monday noon

Sheldon Jackson
Educational Agent

Official
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Oct-23rd

Mr A. J. Henry
Sec Natl Geo Soc Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Your Circular of the 18th is received. In reply to your questions, My own views are

1st That it is unwise to increase the Annual dues to $10. At least one half our Membership are not among the rich, and many of these would drop their Membership. It should be one of the objects of the Society to extend the advantages to as large a number as possible. The usefulness of the Society consists in being a popular school for the many rather than an exclusive Club for the few -

2nd It is unwise to limit the admittance to the lectures to one on a season ticket. There are many lady Clerks in the city, who can attend if two of them can go to-gether & not otherwise. Then there are others situated as I am who have grown up daughters. Pressure of work prevents my attendance more than once or twice a season. And my daughters can not attend unless in company with each other. When notified some days ago of the change, I had made up my mind to drop my membership.

3rd I am in favor of having no more lectures than the society's income will warrant.

Sincerely yours Sheldon Jackson (D.D. LL.D)

Oct 23rd

Messrs Cosgrove & Shickling
St Paul Minn

Sirs

Yours of the 15th to my wife making an offer of $1350 for house on Colbourn St St Paul is received. If you had given me lot & block, I would know which property you mean, but do not know it by that street.

See my St Paul agents ~~Mess~~ the Northwestern Investment Co. Endicott Bldg St Paul -

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
Bureau of Education
Washington
D.C.

Oct 23 — 1900

Passenger Agent Northwestern Railway
Twenty two Fifth Avenue
Chicago Ill

Reserve lower berth Overland Limited
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To Presbyterial Ministers' Fund
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please place to my credit the enclosed sum of $[illegible] for premium on my life policy in your company and oblige.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

Address
The [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Trust,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

[illegible]

November 3, 0.

Rev. John D. Davis, Ph. D., D. D.,

Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.

My dear Doctor:

Please accept thanks for a copy of your address on the Life and Work of Dr. Green, I know that I shall read it with very great pleasure.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 3, 0.

Rev. George M. Hickman,

Bradford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Brother:

Yours of October 24th is received, and you may expect me on Saturday about 6:35 P. M.--taking the 7:45 A. M., train by way of the Northern Central as you indicate in your letter. It would give me very great pleasure to spend a day or two in looking around through the oil region under your direction but I am so pushed that I cannot take the time. Will leave on Saturday morning, November 10, and return Monday.

Trusting that we may have the presence of the Holy Spirit at our proposed meeting, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 3, 0.

Mrs. D. E. Diefenderfer,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Yours of October 27th is received and if it is thought best I will give Titusville, November 25th; in order to do it however, I will have to leave home on Friday night the 23d reaching Titusville on Saturday and return to Washington on Monday. It is an exceptionally busy season with me this year about that time, as I am compelled to get a report ready for the opening of Congress on the first Monday in December. Consequently it is out of the question for me to come to Mercer on that trip, but I still have in mind the proposed itinerary through your Presbytery later in the winter when some of the more pressing work now claiming my attention is attended to.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 3, 0

Mr. Ragnar Dahl,

Fourth Ave., West, and Mercer Sts.,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Yours of October 26th is received. I hope in due time you will be able to get your money from Mr. Lane.

With kind regards to Mrs. Dahl, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 3,

Rev. [illegible] McClain,
[illegible] Ave.,
Salt Lake City, Utah

My dear [illegible]:

I reached home safely this morning. At your earliest opportunity kindly send copy of the action of the College Trustees on Monday night last, also either copy for me or loan me the original, which I can copy, and return to you, it the report made by the special committee on last Saturday night but which was not acted upon. I need it to make the question clear to John Hatch as the first report will enable him to understand better the action that was finally taken.

I hope that the Trustees got Mr. Bailey into the field as [illegible] solicitor. I think the time is ripe for more such work. With kind regards to your family, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 5, 00.

Capt. Michale A. Healey,
St. Nicolas Hotel,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Capt:

Your welcome letter of October 31st, is received and contents noted. I am in full sympathy with you in your opinions with regard to Bruce and others who have been debauching the natives of Northern Alaska. The Lord will deal with them in his own way and time. I am very glad to hear that you have united with the St. Matthews Society, and trust that by the aid of your Savior you may be able to keep your pledge. It certainly will be a very great joy to your wife and to your many friends.

I am also glad to hear of the success of your son at Nome. He impressed me very favorably during the summer when I met him several times. There is no greater pleasure to parents than for their children to do well. May the Lord bless and keep you and yours.

With kind regards to Mrs. Healy, I remain,

Very truly your friend,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Nov 7th.

Mr. C. W. Cashell
Tax Collector 5th Dist. Md. (Layhill)

Dear Sir

My family during my absence in Alaska commenced writing last July to find out the amount of & to whom paid the taxes on our lot in North Tacoma -

The tax receipt of last year seemed to be no guide. Does Maryland change Collectors every year?

Kindly return tax receipt to me at Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

November 8, 0.

Captain William F. Kilgore,
Cutter Perry, Seattle, Washington.

Dear Captain:

I have seen Captain Shoemaker this morning. He says it is not yet definitely determined whether there will be a change in the command of the Bear or not, for next season. He further says that the Thetis will also be in the same waters next season, and will be a better ship than the Bear, and added perhaps you could have the Thetis, as there is no one that he would prefer to aid more than yourself.

If you get the Thetis perhaps we could secure an arrangement by which that could do the work which has previously been done by the Bear, and thus I could travel with you on the Thetis. He says the Thetis is being placed in good shape and will be a good boat.

With kind regards to Mrs. Kilgore, I remain,

Truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 8, 0.

Mrs. Roger Sherman,
#27 East Walnut Street,
Titusville, Pa.

My dear Madam:

Yours of November 6th is received and I am very glad to be able to defer my coming to Titusville, until I make a tour of the Presbytery later in the winter. I will remember your request and save a Sabbeth for Titusville, and if necessary also spend the following Monday.

Please say to Mrs. Emerson that her proffered hospitality is accepted with thanks.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 7,   0.

Mary and Margaret W. Leitch,
Linwood Avenue,
Ridgewood, N. J.

Dear Friends:

Yours of August 24th was on my desk awaiting my return from Alaska. I regret that I have not the time to give you a full consecutive statement with regard to the hinderance that liquor is to the mission work in Alaska. I can onyl say that it is the chief hinderance to missionary success, and through a large influx of white people attracted by the gold mines of that region liquor is being carried into hundreds of sections where it was previously unknown, and of course drunkenness in largely on the increase among the aboriginal population.

The new legislation affording high license in the place of prohibition I do not think has increased to any great extent drunkenness among the natives in sections where the white man had reached in prohibition, nor has it cured it. Under prohibition times the Government had been practically unable to enforce the law and liquor was to be had freely by the natives in the vicinity of white settlements. The same is true under the license. The natives have learned in a portion of Alaska to brew an intoxicant from, Molasses, flour, etc., known in southeast Alaska as "Hootchinoo and in the Aleutian Islands an intoxicating beer known as "quass." Whether they had any native stimulant previous to the advent of the Russians, one hundred years ago, I cannot say. Among the aboriginal tribes on the Siberian side of Bering Sea they have an intoxicant made of toad-stools. The only influence so far in Alaska in favor of temperence, and that among the aborigines ~~is directly due to the influence of the aboriginal mind~~, is that of the missioneries of the various churches.

The above gives you the situation in an nutshell.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 7, 0.

To the President of the Pennsylvania
Museum and School of Industrial Art,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Please accept thanks for kind invitations to attend the commencement exercises of your institution June 7 and 8. The invitations reached Washington after I had left for Alaska, and I found them upon my desk upon my return this fall.

I take great interest in institutions organized for industrial art.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
In Alaska.

November 7, 0.

Rev. A. W. Halsey, D. D.,
Madison Square Branch P. O. Box 2,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Halsey:

Yours of August 16th requesting a short article on Foreign Missions in the Twentieth Century is received. I will not ptomise to write such an article but will keep it in mind.

If you shall receive an article by September 1st, you will know that I have been able to attend to it.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 7, 1900.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D.,
Secretary of Home Missions,
#156 Fifth Ave, New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor:

I send you a copy of a letter received from the Rev. W. S. Bannerman, Juneau, Alaska. The spirit of it is so good I thought you would like to see it, especially after the correspondence you have had with him leading up to his leaving Juneau.

Hoping that you had a successful tour among the several synods. I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

C O P Y .

Juneau, Alaska,
Sept. 21st, 1900.

My dear Mrs. Thaw:

How glad I would be to have space annihilated, and to be able to speak with you for one hour! I have so much to say and it seems an imposition to have busy-you wade through a long, and then only half satisfactory letter.

Two days ago our fastest Steamer appeared unexpectedly while I was writing you, I enclosed the pages written, hurried to the pier and handed the letter to a passenger who promised to mail it in Seattle. I was then speaking of books and papers, now, I chang the subject.

All strangers are surprised to find Juneau so quiet, orderly and law-abiding a town. One deterrent is the difficulty bad men would have in escaping from the Country.

A few of the earliest settlers were Christians---instance J. G. Heid, our leading Attorney, is a son of the Manse; was a charter member of the Old Log-Cabin Church and the Treasurer ever since. Mr. Heid is this year National Committee-man of the Republican Party for Alaska.

A christian sentiment has been growing stronger with the years. This interest centered about the Old Log-Cabin Church. This is the Salt that has preserved Juneau, otherwise it would simply have rotted, for there are here all the seeds of corruption. Wickedness and crooked men in offixial places has always been a great detriment to Christian work. Our Governor Jno. G. Brady--one of the first Missionaries your Board---has always been a consistent, true, and fearless Christian and is thoroughly hated for it by a multitude. Judging,however,by the ordinary representative here, one would not gather that the U. S. is a Christian nation. Only occasionally have officials been moral, (see Catechism--The moral law in it)men, let alone Christian gentlemen. Too often officials were more at home in a saloon than among Christian people The District Judge has been the most important officer in Alaska. I dont know that Alaska has ever had until now a Chirch-going, Christian Judge. The District was lately divided and you can imagine how anxious we were that the new appointee should be in sympathy with Christian work, and how we rejoice to find that he is a professing Christian and a Presbyterian, and that his wife will soon be a helper with us when they make their Home in Juneau.

The U. S. Commissioner and local Judge at Juneau until a few weeks ago, was a very dissipated and worthless man, a frequenter of saloons, etc. What a spectacle! This representative of Justice drunk at an inquest. This judge fininf and imprisoning poor Indians, men and women, for drunk and disorderly; but rarely prosecuting those who unlawfully sold the liquor. A judge, who laterally could scarcely be found sufficiently sober to sit on the bench.

His successor is a good moral man, and his wife one of our good helpers--a daughter of the Manse. You see things are improving.

Supporting 16 saloons, each paying a license of $1500, and 3 breweries at $500, you will not be surprised that Juneau does not support fully, one church; and has not had until now a school worth the name for her 200 children. Houses of ill-fame are being gradually driven off the main business street.

I have married to a good woman--who has however a divorced husband living--the President of the Chamber of Commerce who has had I believe more than one mistress---They have now set up a nice Home next ours.

The other evening I married our leading Dentist, a highly respected citizen, to a lady whose divorced husband is in the Philippines. She and the Dentist have been living together for several years. They too are our near ~~six~~ neighbors, and we like them both very much. And so we are mending matters.

Our work here is not showy, but God has been blessing us in season and out of season. We get grateful letters from young men and women who have briefly sojourned here, and now in distant State

When Dr. Thompson was in Juneau last year he was greatly distressed about our Indian work at Haines, some 90 miles from here and near Skaguay.

The Indians seemed to have lost confidence, unjustly perhaps in their Missionary the Rev. Warne. Dr. Thompson asked whether he would go to Haines, claiming that it would be very difficult to get a good and suitable man for Haines, while it would be comparatively easy to supply Juneau. Both Mrs. B. and I are strongly drawn to the Native work altho' the Indian is neither as bright nor attractive as the Fang by a good deal; while he is awfully oily, fishy, and sadly needs a bath. But would it be wise to undertake Indian work where we cannot remain very long with our growing Boys. Then the Mission was having ejectment suits with land jumpers; and Rev. Warne was still there.

After Dr. Thompson's return to New York we learned that he has the impression that the Church here has not been prospering as it should under our leadership, and that the Board would like to try a new man. Now we think the Church is fairly prosperous. True, there are not now as many members as there were in '97 and '98; but the population of Juneau is one-fourth less, and a number of the members were transients of the Klondike rush. Again, unfortunately a few months before our arrival the Methodists separated from our membership and formed an organization of their own. They have had 4 different ministers since we came to Juneau. They may soon return to us. Last year our 25 members raised nearly a thousand dollars; we contributed liberally to all the schemes of the Church; we have only one really well-to-do member who contributes about two dollars a week. Our Ladies'Aid is active, and efficient. Last quarter we reached our very highest average attendance in the Sunday School--altho' there has been an attempt to support two other schools.

No one knows better than myself that I could not by any liberality of judgment be styled a strong, popular, or attractive preacher; but we also know that the Board has not been getting such for this Field. More than once the Board's representatives have not been men of too much good common sense. All our men now in South Eastern Alaska are really good men; but why can not some of the really strong and spiritual men of our Church be induced to locate for a year or two at Juneau or Skaguay, the gateway to the whole Yukon Country, and a distributing point for 1500 miles westward. These are stretegic points. How would you like to spare Dr. McEwan for a year? Would like to see located here W. F. Stevenson of Syracuse, late of Titusville.

Dr. Thompson mow writes that he can arrange with Rev. Warne of Haines Mission to leave Haines 1st January next, and that my predecessor here, the Rev. Condit now of North Yakima, Washington, hs expressed a willingness to return to Juneau. Brother Condit is a good man most highly respected, and among good people, exteemed here. So that the way to Haines will be open at the end of the year. Haines has good prospects. Has 546 Indians, highest type found on this Coast. Has had little contamination with the whites indeed has been isolated until 2 years ago. We will leave Juneau with the only regret that we have not been able to accomplish more for the Master.

If you get this far believe me dear Mrs. Thaw, as ever, and with all good wishes,

Yours as ever,
Sincerely and Gratefully,
W W. S. Bannerman.

P. S. We do not find fault with the judgment of Dr. Thompson.
W.S.B.

November 6, 0.

Mrs. F. H. Pierson,
Secretary Womens Board of Home Missions,
#156, Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Pierson:

I enclose you a copy of the letter received from Miss Olga Hilton concerning her special work as teacher of the Cooking Department of the Sitka Industrial School. The question has been before my mind ever since she went to Sitka . The great defect of that otherwise very successful and efficient school in the training of its girls through its whole history has been the want of training to house-keeping. With the exception of a very limited number that Mrs. Austin employed in her household, there is scarcely a girl among the hundreds that have passed through the school that knew how to cook or that could secure employment as a domestic in a white family. when she left the Institution.

It was to remedy this condition of things that I had Miss Hilton take a course in cooking at the Platt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, and then secured her a position in the Sitka school. During all the time that she has been there she has had only half a chance to do her proper work, and has frequently been set tosupply vacancies where others had fallen out or needed a vacation. I have several times spoken to Mr. Kelly on the subject, but perhaps the conditions there were such that he could not do any differently than he has done. I take the ground however that if one department must be sacrificed for another it would have been better to sacrifice a portion of the literary training for the hand-training. In the history of the school whatever else has or has not been neglected the literary department has secured its full time from the pupils.

Now it is much better for the girl to have less head-training and more hand-training. If she can read fluently or indifferently well matters far less than for her to leave the school unable to take charge of a household. If she marries or secures employment in a family, or if she does not marry, the future of the girl is dependent upon her being able to do something by which she can earn her support when she leaves the school, and her thorough control of cooking and housekeeping is the one avenue open to her.

I judge from the tone of Miss Hilton's letter that she is getting discouraged for want of a sufficient opportunity, and I must confess that I do not wonder. When I come to New York I hope you will call the matter up, if I fail to call it up myself, that we may confer together concerning it. If nothing better can be done at the Industrial School I am in favor of preparing a room in connection with Public School N° 1, where when not engaged in her special department she may give lessons to the young women ~~at~~ of the community, both white and native.

She has had several earnest invitations on the part of white married ladies in Sitka to give them lessons. Please give this subject some attention so that when we meet, we may be able to mature some plans for the future.

Hoping that you had a pleasant and successful visit to the Synods and synodical socities, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

Sitka, Alaska, Sept. 19, 1900.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Friend:

At last you have reached your home. Of course I am most happy that you are there instead of being among the Esquimos of the North still I am always disappointed when you do not come this way. It seems as if you really must come here first before you go East.

Last summer the Cooking Department was opened thru June and July. Then the camping girls had to go and enjoy their berries and fish, then the Matron had to take her two weeks vacation and I relieved her . Now school is opened and Mr. Kelly wishes me to go on and teach until the cold weather. That will be until the last of November or before. If you see that the room is to be closed nearly all winter . I shall start for the Sound just so soon as the school closes; that is my department.

I have been saving a little money with which to take a rest and study cooking. I feel dreadfully rusty and need both the hints rest and study. The change I am sure, will do me good. I am growing thinnor every day soon I shall be fit subject to place in the Museum as one of the Alaskan wonders. But joking aside, seriously I need the help of a good oculist, dentist and a fine teacher. I have been here four years and in that time you can note how much of my work I have done, you can count the months on your fingers and of course there is no progress and not a girl can I say knows how t cook well. I am truly discouraged and am glad but I can go this YwarMrs. Slaizer goes into her room and she works from nine until after study-hour. She goes on for nine months and no one is taken from her studies and placed into some other department before the pupil completes her studies you can expect successful progress naturally the student learns and is not apt to forget easily. The girls do not, as a rule like the work, they think it is fun and do not seem to see the best side of housekeeping. They dislike it because it is confining. Only a few so far have really appreciated the lessons and the pains I have taken with them. The classes will open next Tuesday morning, September the 25th. We had to have the stove repaired and ~~haxx~~ now the pipe needs some new parts. Mr. Kelly suggested that I should write to you and ask for a new range but I told him that you said that the school will have to supply every thing after it was once furnished. I hope I understood correctly. Have I? I think it should too. The stove would not be in such a bad condition if the fire was built constantly and if it was used daily. The Alaska dampness ruins any iron that stands idle, not only iron but flesh and bones. I really think that the school should supply everything, since it was nicely started. Everything spoils if not used constantly.

Dr. Jackson, you know how anxious I am to do some thing for the Russian children. I feel more every day that to work among them is my duty. I am the first Russian girl who has received a good education and can be of some use to those who cannot go as I have. If I raise enough money to furnish a cooking department would the Government supply a teacher for the place? The board would not find it much trouble to fill the place I vacate.

I have observed all these years that the Russian girls are bright and house work is very easy for them as they are fond of it. A good cook can command a good salary here and you know they are employed rather than natives. It is natural that they should be as they live in a more civilized way and are not as untidy abothe the work.

As I said before that I have never enjoyed my work here among the natives. I do not like them and never did. I can't help it as I have been raised by those who taught me to dislike them and I have never been taught to do better. I feel that I am here because I have to be, not because my heart is in the work.

I have not consulted any one on this subject except Mr. Kelly and only said that my wish was to do some thing for the Russians. He said the priest would interfere. But I am sure if it was not supported by any one certain denomination but was in connection with the public school it would be accepted and be appreciated not by Russians alone but the white population and with Mrs. Brady as supporter it would be a success. Several mothers have appealed to within a year and only a few days ago Mrs. Stowall asked me if I would not have a mother class or one for older people and then a young lady asked me if she might not come in and observe only . I said I could not have her because the girls were confused and would not do so well. Then a month or mome ago two sisters came to me asking if they might not come in for certain lessons of course I refused. The children will not come here as this is the Mission so I must go to them. Please think this matter over and let me know when you can write conveniently. If you do not write before last of November please address my mail to Everett Washington in care of Mrs. J. H. Hysom. If I find any good teacher either in Seattle or Tacoma I shall remain there with good friends. I shall visit relatives in Everett a short time as I shall be too busy to spend time in that way.

Please remember me to Mrs. Jackson.

Very sincerely,

(signed) Olga Hilton.

November 6,   0.

Mrs. C. A. Gilbert,
Arlington, R. I.
P. O. Box #81.

Madam:

Your Postal of October 22nd is received. I regret to say that I have no leaflets giving information as to Missionary work among the miners of the west. The place to apply for such information is the Board or Committee of Home Missions of the denomination with which you are connected.

The Presbyterian, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, and Baptist denominational missions each have headquarters in New York City, and any one of them can probably send you such information as you wish.

Respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 7, 1900.

Mrs. I. C. Kingsland,
#76 West Walnut Street,
Titusville, Pa.

My dear Madam:

Mrs. Diefenderfer of Erie has written me that the church at your place very earnestly desires a visit and missionary addresses from me on Sabbeth, November 25th. I have written her I will accept the invitation and you may so notify your pastor. Let much prayer be made by the friends in the church that the occasion may be one of profit.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 7, 0.

Hon. C. M. Barnes,
Governor of Oklahoma,
Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Honorable and dear Sir:

The Chief of the Miscellaneous Division, Department of the Interior, has called my attention to the photograph which you sent to him in connection with your annual report of the plan of the Carnegie Library. If it is not asking too much, you would confer a great favor on Alaska Division of the United States Bureau of Education if you would have made and mailed to us a blue print of the elevations and floor plans.

I am very much pleased with the exterior of the building and think it a very fine example to copy after in similar buildings in other parts of the United States. Hoping that you may be able to get them for us, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 7, 0.

Mr. Thomas W. Herringshaw,
#177 La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Since my return from Alaska I have received several letters from you asking me to remit you $20.°° for the insertion of an illustration of myself in your encyclopedia. The best answer that I can make you a copy of my letter of August 25th, which I trust you received, but which, for fear you did not I now copy and inclose to you.

If the publishing of an illustration of myself depends upon your receiving 20 dollars you need not publish, as I have not authorized publication on these terms, and am unwilling to pay $20.°° for such publication and I do not care whether it is published or not.

If it will be of no service to you in making your volume more salable, it will certainly be of no service to me, and there is no use of your sending me further letters on the subject.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

C O P Y.

U. S. Army Transport,
Lawton,

At Sea, Aug, 25, 1900.

Mr. Thos. W. Herringshaw,
#177 La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Yours of June 8th reached me a few days ago as I was leaving Nome, Alaska, on a special mission of the UL S. Government to Europe.

You are evidently laboring under a misapprehension concerning the placing of my portrait in your encyclopedia . I never agreed to give you $20.°° or $1.°° tp secure its admission. If you will look over the early correspondence upon the subject, you will notice that I furnished you with the data and photograph that you asked for, and nothing more at first. That I did not even fill in the blank ordering a copy of the book.

But afterwards on your strong representation of your pressing need of encouragement I consented to subscribe for the volume and pay $10.°° for it on conditions that it contained an account of myself with portrait. A biographical sketch of myself with portrait is in several encyclopedias and I now remember only one other instance where the proprietors have asked for any extra compensation for the insertion of the portrait, etc., two other firms made similar requests and neither of them asked for any bonus, and one of them referring possibly to your undertaking, expressly stated that no pay was asked for portrait.

A first class, standard, biographical encyclopedia necessarily includes all who are sufficiently prominent to justify their being placed in such a work at all. The question whether they will pay for such insertion cuts no figure. If unworthy, money ought not to be able to buy the place. If worthy, the volume is incomplete without them.

The omission of a prominent person, discredits the balance of such a work, and thereby hinders the sale. If my portrait will not add to the value of your work, you had better omit it, as its insertion will be of no special value to me, whose portrait has been sent out in books, magazines and newspapers during the last forty years to hundreds of thousands of homes in America, Europe and the civilized world, and which can be found framed in Mission homes in the four quarters of the globe.

Wishing you success in your task, I remain,

Very truly yours.

Washington D.C. Nov 13th 0

Messrs Cosgrove & Shickling
Room 90 Court Blk
Saint Paul Minn

Sirs —

Your postal of 9th received.

Lot 10 Whitacre Turner & Lepper subdivision of Block 1 Milles' add to St Paul Cost me under forclosure $\$1791\frac{15}{100}$ (besides taxes) & I will let it go for $1800 —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Nov 13

Mr J. W. Harriman
Cashier Merchants National Bank
New York City

Dear Sir.

Enclosed find my bank book. When balanced please return to me by mail. I also enclose you draft for $120.00 which please place to my credit.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Nov 13

Mr J. N. Harrison
Cashier Merchants National Bank
New York City

Dear Sir

I enclose you draft for $\$54^{00}$ which please place to my Credit on your books —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

November 13, 0.

Rev. William L. McEwan, D. D.,
Third Presbyterian Church,
Fifth and Negley Avenues,
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. McEwan:

Yours of November 9th, with enclosure of $25.00 is received I did not expect to make any charge for the same, but am very glad to get it, as the last few years, I have been quite close in my money matters.

I hope that Mrs. McEwan has gained her usual strength and is quite well again.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 14, [illegible] 0.

Rev. J. E. Gilbert, D.D., LL.D.,
Secretary American Society of Religious Education,
Washington Savings Bank Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Gilbert:

Yours of November 6th is received with a reminder that there is a fee of $5.°° required of me. I was not aware that there was any such fee, and while the sum is a small one, I have been so pressed in money matters the last few years that I have dropped nearly all the organizations with which I am connected where an annual fee is required, and will have to treat the Society of Religious Education impartially with the rest.

You will kindly cross my name from your books.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 13, 1900.

Dr. Francis H. Gambell, M. D.,
Eaton, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Gambell:

Yours of October 16th is received and I am very glad that some of our letters with regard to the herd for the Roman Catholics have reached you. I had a letter since my return from Dr. Romig who had started himself, for Eaton, with some native men, for their herd but somewhere on the road the natives were taken sick and returned to Bethel. The impression left on my mind by Dr. Romig's letter is that they were to make another attempt later in the winter.

I wrote you a few weeks ago with regard to Lindseth. I have heard from two sources that on his way to Alaska, he was very profane and oft-times obscene in his remarks. Mr. Doty says that he was not only obscene and profane, but also boasted to the miners who were on board of how he and Krogh would have their own way when they reached their destination. That they had conferred together and knew how they could deceive their superiors. That they proposed to work only as they saw fit and deceive the Government. The Miners informed Mr. Doty from time to time what Lindseth and Krogh were purposing to do. Mr. Doty's opinion of Mr. Lindseth after seven weeks acquaintance on ship-board is that he is not to be trusted in any way by the Government.

That if he has access to the store-house he will help himself to various things that it contains, and that if he was put in charge of reindeer and saw a good opportunity of selling a few he would do so and claim that they were lost or died. This condition of things makes me very anxious about your coming away.

Under the circumstances I am very unwilling to have Mr. Lindseth placed in charge of the station. I am also unwilling for him to have the key or have access to the store-room. I think that you better make Mr. Willard responsible for the supplies, and you can say frankly to him that he is to be on his guard with reference to letting Mr. Lindseth have supplies. That I have written you that I have no confidence in Mr. Lindseth's honesty. I will not be wise to so state but unless Mr. Lindseth proves all these reports to be unfounded I shall take occasion to drop him at the close of his first year.

When you come away you had better try to secure Mr. Sherzer to take charge of the station during your absence, and you can either show him this letter, or place him on his guard with regard to trusting Mr. Lindseth. I hope that you will take an interest in young Willard, and if he is in any danger of getting under Mr. Lindseth's influence see that it is prevented.

Mr. Lindseth had good recommendations for the place, and I am very much disappointed in the character that he has evidently revealed. I presume that if his character is as represented that you have already found it out, but his intimations to the miners on ship-board were to the effect that he could pull the wool over your eyes or those of anybody else.

I am very sorry that we have sent you such a man, but do not see how it can be helped now, for the present year: unless he commits some overt act that would justify his dismissal, but that action would be bad, as he has contracted debts for supplies at Seattle and elsewhere that probably would not be paid unless they came out of his salary.

If you cannot get Mr. Sherzer perhaps you could secure one of the Swede missionaries to take charge, if you think any of them are sharp enough to cope with Mr. Lindseth, but whatever else you do, do not leave the station in charge of Mr. Lindseth.

Hoping that you may have divine guidance in this matter, I remain,

Truly yours,

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 14, 0.

Mr. Henry G. McMillan,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Mr. McMillan:

I did not forggt the request of your daughter to hunt up a school. I commenced inquiries as soon as I returned to Washington, but day by day slipped by, and it is only this morning that I am able to send you the catalog of the McDonald-Ellis School. It ranks with the school that Miss Peyton is attending, and also with Mrs. Somers School, which with the McDonald-Ellis School, are the three celebrated schools of the city for finishing off young ladies.

I also enclose you a letter from Dr. Hamlin, Pastor of the Church of the Covenant, and Miss Lewis of the school, by which you notice there is one vacancy in the Home school. In the Home school but twelve young ladies are received in the building; more are taken in the annex just across the street.

If your daughter and yourselves think the school is what you desire, I would advise you to telegraph me in order to secure the vacancy. Of course if some one else applies before I hear from you, it will probably be taken. They, as you notice, give receptions and the young lady pupils are allowed under certain rules to attend the receptions of the President, the Cabinet, the Senate or others. The two months---Janumry and February---mark the height of the social season in Washington. In the school they not only give opportunity to attend the receptions, but also give instruction in etiquette and deportment. If your daughter concludes to come, and you will let me know in advance what train she will arrive on, and which railway I will meet her at the depot and introduce her to the school.

The schools of this class are very full in Washington this winter. Mrs. Somers has already refused thirty applicants for want of room. With regards to the family, I remain,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

I have sent you Catalogues under a separate enclosure

November 14, 0.

Rev. Tunis S. Hamlin, D. D.,
#1306 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Hamlin:

Yours of November 10th, was awaiting my return from a missionary tour in Pennsylvania. I am much obliged for the information. I have seen Dr. Lewis on the subject and have written to Judge McMillan, of Salt Lake.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

58.WH. F. W. 101 Paid, Govt. Seattle, Wash., June 7, 1897.
Washington, D. C., June 7th, 97. 1:07 P

All United States Authorities, in the Dist. of Alaska Care of Dr. Sheldon Jackson in Charge of Education in Alaska, Occidental Hotel, Seattle, Wn.

The Duke of Abruzzi nephew of the King of Italy and suite a of four persons are en route from New York to Vancouver with intention of climbing Mt. St.Elias please show the party much attention and give them such facilities as are suitable and proper under the circumstances Dr. Sheldon Jackson will cause notices hereof to be forwarded to the officers of the U. S. in Alaska and will acknowledge receipt of this telegram.

(Signed) C. N. Bliss,
Secretary of the Interior.

November 15.

To the Italian Embassy
Washington D.C.

Honorable Sir

I wish to send a letter to the Duke of Abruzzi. (Nephew of the late King of Italy) Who in 1897 visited the United States and made the ascent of Mount St Elias, Kindly send me the proper address to place on the Envelope and greatly oblige

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 17, 0.

Mr. M. R. Sanquinet, Architect,
Fort Worth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Yours of November 13th, together with prints of libraries, is received. I wanted plans of a library building for a Christian college at Salt Lake City. We have not yet money for its erection but I am gathering plans as I find them, and when I find the one most suitable for us, would like to have the plans to submit to different wealthy people with the expectation that some one will agree to build it for us, placing their name upon it. If we have occasion to use one of your plans what ~~is~~ will be your commission?

Kindly let me know approximately the seperate cost of building the library at Leavenworth, Dallas, and Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 17, 1900.

Rev. S. P. Marks,

Tidioute, Pennsylvania.

My dear Sir:

Mrs. Diefendarfer has forwarded me your letter of November 14th, and I will place it on file for future reference. Titusville has concluded to wait until I come to the ~~yearly~~ Erie Presbytery, before speaking there. It is possible that I can spend a week during December in the bounds of Erie Presbytery, but it is not probable, as I must first have a conference with the Woman's Board in New York. When I can see an opportunity of being away from Washington, I will confer with you and others to see if the time is convenient to you.

What would you say for the second or third week in January? Would you prefer December to January?

Truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education

in Alaska.

November 17, 0.

Mrs. D. B. Diefenderfer,
#415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

My dear Friend:

I shall be unable to get away during this month. Possibly I can give a Sabbath of the intervening week during December. Would December be preferable to January? Have written Rev. Mr. Marks.

Had a good meeting at Bradford.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

November 19, 1900

Mr. Ferd P. Kaiser,
407 North Broadway,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Sir:

Please accept thanks for Volume 2 of "The World's Best Essays", which is received. I do not know but that I find them more readable than the "Orations". It seems to me that each succeeding volume surpasses the others in typographical neatness.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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November 19, 1900.

Mrs. William Jay Schieffelin,
35 West 57th Street,
New York City.

My dear Friend:

I have just learned that during the summer while I was absent in Alaska you kindly sent $25 for the College at Salt Lake. City My wife turned it over to General Eaton, the president, and it was at once put in use. When I returned this fall they forgot to mention it to me; this will explain my late acknowledgement of your kindness.

Where is your mother's postoffice address this fall; has she returned to the city yet for the winter?

Remember me very kindly to your husband and the family of dear little ones.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

November 19, 1900.

Rev. R. G. McNiece, D.D.,
1248 Blaine Avenue,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Doctor McNiece:

When General Eaton and myself found time to look over the properties which were offered the College in exchange for property on D Street, we found that there was at least $1,000 difference in the value of the two properties, in favor of the D Street property. The two dwelling houses proposed ~~giving~~ to be traded the Trustees were in a very poor part of the city, where probably there would be no sale in a long while. On this account we recommended that the exchange be not ratified. Since then Mr. Quincy Eaton has secured a cash offer for the D Street property of $3,500, which General Eaton and myself think the Trustees had better accept; and Mr. Quincy Eaton so wired the Trustees on Saturday night.

With kind regards to your family, I remain

Truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

November 19, 1900.

Rev. G. W. Martin,

Manti, Utah.

My dear Brother:

Yours of the 3d instant mailing me copies of the "Kinsman" and photograph of your session, is received with many thanks. I have read the articles in the Kinsman with great interest and propose putting them in the Utah scrap-book. I think all such instances, as far as possible, should be gathered up and preserved for the future.

With kind regards to your family, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

November 19, 1900.

Mr. T. D. Foster,
Manager of Packing House,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

My dear Sir:

I notice in the "Interior" of November 1st, a cut of the East End Church with ~~your~~ which you are connected. It has impressed me that it might be just the plan that we wish for a church in connection with the Presbyterian College at Salt Lake City. Will you kindly send me some particulars with regard to the building; how much did it cost? Have you a blue print of the floor plans and division of rooms, that when the Church are through with, ~~and~~ you could loan me? I will return it to the Church in good condition. Now that you have built have you any changes to suggest which would make it still more convenient?

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

November 19, 1900.

Mr. H. C. Olin,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Olin:

Yours of November 5th with reference to the estate of Elisha Sanderson is received. I expect to remain in the East until next April and can be reached at any time.

I enclose you a copy of the original missionary claim + Maps made at Sitka; this, however, is only for 160 acres. Some months after the filing of this claim I had 640 acres surveyed and recorded at Sitka. I do not know where the papers are - whether they are among my papers or whether they were left at Sitka. The map and survey (of the 640 acres) are at the Mission, Sitka. The original claim of 160 acres covers the land upon which the present buildings are and this claim was included in the larger claim for 640 acres.

I would suggest that it might be a wise thing for the different missionary organizations that wish to have their property surveyed and deeded to them by the government in accordance with the law of last session, ~~should ask~~ to separately suggest to the the Secretary of the Interior to appoint the Governor and myself a committee for the designating of said lands. There will probably be some one appointed a committee for that purpose and it will be better for the missionary bodies to have the matter in friendly hands.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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November 21,1900.

Mr. Charles Halleck,

1337 Eleventh Street,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Halleck:

I have not forgotten my promise to give you a list of such names as I could for your canvass. When I come to actually make out the list I find it much smaller than I supposed it would be. The names I have given you are all wealthy, liberal men and I should think they would be interested in the kind of Magazine that you have in charge. Kindly do not use my name in the matter, as I do not wish to be known as sending parties to them.

With kind regards to your wife, and wishing you great success in your canvass, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

November 21, 1900.

Rev. Josiah McClain,

1248 Blaine Avenue,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Mr. McClain:

I have had a typewritten copy made of the action of the board of trustees which you sent me. Kindly compare it with the original action and if it is correct I would like to have it attested by the signature of the president and the clerk, Dr. McNiece and yourself.

When the matter comes before the Presbytery, if the Presbytery takes action in a form similar to that of the trustees, permit me to ask that in the third "Whereas," the three words "and may never" should be left out. They do not add anything to the strength of the paper; they may or may not be true,---that depends upon the future; it weakens the paper to make a supposition based on the future of that kind. And then, there is an unpleasant sting in it. And again, it is not true that it appears thus to all parties concerned, for I still firmly believe that it will in the future be worth the sum mentioned. With those words left out it makes good sense, and is reasonable. It will then read as follows: "Will not within a reasonable time be worth the sum in question."

I wish the board could appoint an executive committee for special work; and if they see fit, appoint General Eaton and myself as a committee on the Washington property. Mr. Quincy Eaton the agent of the tursteees, had a fair cash offer for the D Street property which the trustees are anxious to get rid of, and he telegraphed to Salt Lake City to know whether he should close the bargain; the answer received was "Except with conditions", without stating the conditions. That of course gave him no information upon which he could go forward and act. The result is he may lose the sale through the delay on the part of the trustees; if they had an executive board they could meet any time, as there would be few of them to get together and they would all be in Salt Lake City

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Nov 21st

Messrs Cosgrove & Shickling
Room 90 Court Block
St Paul Minn

Sirs Yours of the 19th recd. You can withdraw your advertisement of my house at $1750; It was not authorized. My St Paul Agts as said before are the Northwestern Investment Co— I do not care to sell at your price— You will therefore cease to ~~act~~ pose as my agent further.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Nov 21st 0

Northwestern Investment Co
Endicott Bldg St-Paul Minn

Sirs - The quarterly Statement of Accounts due Oct 1st is not yet received.

What is the Character of reputation of Cosgrove & [illegible] as a Real Estate Firm? I did not Authorize them to advertise the Larkin property

Very truly yours

November 23,1900.

Mr. Joseph M. Huston,

Witherspoon Building,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Huston:

General Eaton has shown me your letter of November 20th with regard to the bill for preliminary drawings of the College. I understood that on account of your interest in the institution you would make us the drawings simply charging what you paid out to your clerks in the matter. I hope you will not press it, until I come to Philadelphia and have a chance to talk the matterover with you. At present I learn from the treasurer of the institution that they are unable to pay and need to ask you to wait upon them until they are further in funds. The struggle just now is to raise money enough to keep the professors going until some real estate that the College has in Washington can be brought to a paying basis

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

1 Enclosure

November 26, 1900.

Rev. D. A. Murray,

Ottumwa, Iowa.

My dear Brother:

Yours of November 22nd together with roll of plans, is received; please accept my thanks for the same. I am more and more convinced since looking over the plans that when we secure the money for the erection of a church in connection with the Presbyterian College at Salt Lake City, we will employ your Architect to give us something similar to the plans you send. I am in favor of enlarging the four feet as you recommend, and when the time comes will be glad of other suggestions from you. When General Eaton, the president of the college, and myself have had time to study the plans more fully, I will return them to you by mail.

Thanking you for your kindness in the matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

November 26, 1900.

Mrs. Henry T. McEwen,

Amsterdam, New York.

My dear Mrs. McEwen:

My daughter has sent me your message with regard to $51 raised for furnishing a room in the Sheldon Jackson College. I cannot tell you how sore a trial it was to the trustees, and also to the friends of the institution that we failed to get our first building erected this last season. Last spring when I left for Alaska I was assured that it would be up and finished before I returned. We trust that in God's good providence we may be able to build this coming summer, and I hope you will hold the money for the purpose for which it was given, as we will be in great need of it when the time comes. We greatly appreciate the interest which the Amsterdam ladies have taken in it. Miss Smith, who wrote you, is one of our consecrated workers in Utah and will be the Matron of the Girls' Department of the College.

With kind regards to the Doctor, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Nov 27

Rev A. W. Halsey D.D.
Secy of Foreign Missions
New York

My dear Dr Halsey

You see I have availed myself of your permission to come in at the 11th hour -

If the enclosed will help you any you are welcome to it.

The theme is sufficient to stir up the dullest of men, but I am so pressed with other matters, that I could not give the time I would have liked, in order to give it, the best setting I am capable of.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

The Outlook across the Pacific.

By Sheldon Jackson, D.D., LL.D.

The Twentieth Century dawns upon a rising empire in Western America. As the discovery of gold in Sutter's mill-race in 1848, and the resulting emigration of the "Argonauts of '49," to California, gave vigorous life to the Pacific Coast, in the same manner the Canadian-Klondike discoveries of 1897, and the Alaskan - Nome gold fields of 1899, sent that life bounding to ~~our~~ the most northern limits. of our country

Cotemperaneously with the advent of ~~our~~ American civilization in Alaska, ~~and the development of our Pacific Coast line, in Arctic and sub Arctic Alaska~~ came on the first of May, 1898, the Battle of Manila, and the "Gateway of the Orient," became an American out-post. If there had previously been any uncertainty as to the future of the Hawaiian Islands, the fall of Manila necessitated their going under the American flag; as it logically will result in the building ~~of the building~~ of the Nicaraguan, or some other canal across Central America, and the girdling of the Pacific Ocean with cables.

The Pacific Coast possessions of the United States form a vast crescent, the chord of whose arc strikes along the eastern coast of Asia through 80 degrees of latitude--whose southern horn rests upon Siam, under the burning heat of the equatorial sun, and whose northern horn reaches Arctic Siberia--a crescent that faces Siam, Japan, and Siberia--that faces over Four Hundred Fifty-five Millions ~~Four Hundred Sixty-nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty,~~ of people, or nearly one-third of the population of the entire globe.

The five closing years of the Nineteenth Century have changed the entire future of the United States. The change is recognized in the public mind, but the full significance of the change is comprehended by none. The strongest and most far reaching minds can only gather up some of the facts on the edge. As usual, the world takes hold of opportunities sooner than the church. In the spring of 1897, all along the Pacific Coast, property was being foreclosed, manufactories were being shut down, building operations were suspended, mechanics and others were leaving the cities by thousands, investments were at a stand still, churches were declining, and some ministers were forced from their flocks for want of support.

With the discovery of gold in the far north, the ebbing tide of discouragement was staid, and in the fall of 1897 property was being reclaimed, notes were being paid in full, principle and interest; the discouraged had taken new heart, and business in all her branches had revived. In 1898, this upward progress received a new impulse in the aquisition of the Hawiian and Philippine Archipelagoes, until now every industry is in full blast, and there are not hours enough in the day to do the work that busy brains are attempting.

The great trans-continental railways seeing the traffic looming up in the opening century, set thousands and thousands of men at work along their lines. They are spending millions ~~and~~ upon millions of dollars in the betterment and shortning of their lines. Solid embankments are taking the place of trestle-work bridges, and straight tunnels through the mountains are shortening up the winding curves through the valleys.

The ship-yards, particularly on the Pacific Coast, are crowded with work---ships cannot be built sufficiently fast to meet the demands of the new order of things. Last season having need of a steam-schooner for the Government reindeer work in Alaska, I tried in vain to find one disengaged on the Pacific Coast. I then, through the State Department and the United States Consul in Japan, made an effort to secure a vessel in that country, which also failed. Some of the trans-continental railway companies are building fleetsm of the largest and most improved ocean steamers for their trade with China, Japan and Siberia.

But what are the bearings of all this on the Church? If greatness of opportunity, and abundance of means, and the progress of the Church in consecration are any measure of duty, how vast and overwhelming the call to action at the opening of the Twentieth Century. ¶ Never in the history of the world has there been a greater opportunity. In addition to all former open doors in other parts of the ~~land~~ world the Philippines ~~and~~ Porto Rico and Cuba with their Ten Millions of immortal souls, whonhave from the beginning of their history been shmut out from the Gospel of Christ are now open and accessible. Three years ago the combined power of all the Missionary Societies in the world could not have given them the Gospel. Today thereis nothing to prevent the smallest of the Mission organizations of the land from having a share ~~of~~ in the work. The barriers that stood firm through Nineteen Centuries of the gospel era have been broken down, and God's providence calls upon the American Church to make haste and occupy.

Then the rapidly developing trade between the Pacific Coast and Asia, gives us an opportunity to reach one-third of the heathen world, that is not possessed by any other nation, and that was never possed by this nation until now. ¶ When God calls the Church or nation to a great work he provides the means. Never in the history of the world, and in no other land has such a vast wealth been accumulated in so many hands, or so large a proportion of the people in the middle walks of life secured a competency with enough to spare, and much of this competence and wealth is in Christian hands. Never in the history of the world has there been so large a company of thoroughly prepared young men and women, asking to be sent to the mission field.

An exercise of true Christian stewardship on the part of the churches of the United States would furnish the mission societies with ample funds for sending out this great company and evangelizing the world in the first half of this opening century.

The Twentieth Century looks not only upon the opportunity with the means in Christian hands, and the workers ready to be sent, but also upon a church growing in consecration, copying more and more closely the example of Jesus, who though rich, became poor for our sakes, glowing with missionary zeal and entering with prayer and enthusiasm upon a new century of work.

November 19,   0.

H. R. H. Prince Luigi Amedeo Di Savoia,
Duke of the Abruzzi, Rome, Italia.

Sir:

On June 7th, 1897, I had the honor to receive from the Hon. the Secretary of the Interior, representing his Excellency the President of the United States a telegram (a copy of which I enclose) requesting me to officially notify the United States officials in Alaska that you were about visiting Alaska to make the ascent of Mount St. Elias and requesting them to furnish you every proper facility to help make your undertaking a success.

Receiving the telegram I immediately communicated the wishes of the President and his Secretary to the Governor, Judge, Marshall and other officers in Alaska, and only regretted that my own work took me to Bering Sea and thus prevented any personal attentions on my part.

I notice that you have published an account of your ascent. If it is not presuming too much, kindly have a souvenir copy with your Autograph sent me----

Care of U. S. Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

I remain Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Sheldon Jackson

United States General agent
of Education in Alaska.

58.UN. J. W. 101 Paid, Govt. Seattle, Wash., June 7, 1897, 1:07 P.
Washington, D. C., June 7th, 97.

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(Signed) C. N. Bliss,
Secretary of the Interior.

November 28, 1900.

Mr. H. C. Olin,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Olin:

Yours of the 27th is received. I now expect to be in New York some time between December 5th and 10th to meet a daughter who sails from Europe on November 29th.

If the estate papers are ready they can be signed then. I think it would be better for the Board to suggest my appointment to the other societies rather than that I should do it; but as I am so soon to be in New York we can confer more fully about it at that time.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

November 28,1900.

Rev. R. G. McNiece, D.D.,
1248 Blaine Avenue,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Doctor McNiece:

Yours is received, also the circular of Mr. Moore from Memphis. I am much obliged for it. It sounds strangely coming from a southern man.

General Eaton and myself expect to be in New York City the last of next week and have a conference with the Home Board and Woman's Board with regard to collections for the College. I anticipate no objection whatever to Mr. Bailey's coming here to solicit funds for the College. We feel sure they (the Boards) will recognize the need of our going to the Churches. Mrs. James is expected in Washington on Friday to call with a committee of ladies on the President in the interest of anti-polygamy amendments. The ladies will also have a great mass meeting in this city on Sunday afternoon next, possibly one in Baltimore Sunday evening, and one in New York city next week. They are preparing to inaugurate a series of mass meetings in the larger cities in the east. - We shall be glad to see Mr. Peyton when he comes. Judge MacMillan's daughter reached the city safely yesterday afternoon.

Wit kind regards to your husband, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Atent, &c.

November 28,
1900.

Mr. J. R. Wood,

General Passenger Agent, Pa. R. R.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of returning you the enclosed ticket which was purchased from Washington to Bradford, Pa. Reaching Emporia Junction on Saturday night I found that there was no connection for Bradford unless I left your line and went via Kane, which I did as I was advertised to preach in Bradford the next forenoon. If there is any money to be refunded I would be much obliged. If not, I thought that your office ought to have the ticket. The Conductor of course not taking it up as the distance had not been traveled.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Enclosure.

November 28, 1900

Mr. Sheldon L. Frazer,
Land Attorney, 606 Palladio Building,
Duluth, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:

Yours of August 25 is just received by me. When Henry O. Sheldon died the genealogy of the Sheldon family which he had been at work upon for forty years, was turned over to me to finish and publish. Circumstances prevented my carrying out his wishes and a year or so ago at the request of his family I returned the manuscripts to a daughter of ,,enry O. Sheldon who I think lives in Michigan. I have lost the address and am unable to give you further directions. At the time that I was so situated that I could have published the genealogy but could find no Sheldon who was willing to assist in the pecuniary outlay of publishing, and not being so situated that I was willing to take the entire expense myself, I waited for a season of greater interest on the part of the Sheldons. Regretting that I cannot give you the information you seek, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

November 28, 1900.

Messrs. Cosgrove & Shickling,
Room 90, Court Block,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of the 23rd is received and I am much obliged to you for the correction, as I had not authorized any one to advertise my property at the sum mentioned, without reading the letter carefully, I presumed that your firm had done it. I am glad to be corrected.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

J. T. Bulmer,
Barrister & Solicitor, &c.
Commissioner Supreme Court,
Notary Public.

Office 197 Hollis St.
Opposite Provincial Building.

Halifax, N. S. May 25th, 1900.

To the Secretary of the
Department of the Interior.

Sir:

I will take it as a favor if you could kindly send me Dr. S. Jackson's Report for 1900 on the introduction of the reindeer into Alaska. He has sent me all previous to this year.

We think very highly of Dr. Jackson's work in Canada and but for the present government breaking faith with the temperance people, we would have asked for a lerge grant to do in our great North West the work you have so successfully done in Alaska. If our government is defeated at the approaching Dominion elections one of the first recommendations made to the new government will be to put Dr. Jackson at the head of the same work in Canada. We all in Canada join in denouncing the U. S. for their treatment of the Indian but your work in Alaska through Dr. Jackson appears to be ideal in every respect. At three different points I have written Canadians to look carefully into his work and find that it is as highly prized in the Mining Camp as among scientists. Our Coast line from 142 to the Mouth of the Nelson, some 3000 miles, is with out a sibgle school and I hope to do something for the poor Esqumoux through schools and the reindeer.

Very truly yours,

(signed) J. T. Bulmer.

November 30, 0.

Mrs. J. H. Devore,
P. O. Box 63.,
Hyrum, Utah.

My dear Mrs. Devore

Yours of November 24th, is received. The last Educational and Reindeer Reports are not yet out, but we will place your application on file and send it to you in good time.

Acts like those of which you write are necessary to open the eyes of the American people to the real condition of things in Utah. It is not very pleasant being an instrument to do this, but it is necessary for somebody to experience it, and I think you are as competent to stand it as almost any woman I know of.

Mrs. Jackson is in usual health. Our daughters are both away from home at present. They would send kind remembrances if they knew I was writing.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

December 1, 1900.

Rev. A. W. Halsey, D. D.,
Secretary Foreign Missions,
P. O. Box No. 2, Madison Sq. Branch,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Halsey:

Yours of the 28th ultimo is received. I am glad that my article met the occasion. If convenient you can send me a dozen copies of the Herald when printed.

I will probably be in New York on Monday, the 10th, and if you care for it, can look over the proof, if it is not too late.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

December 1, 1900.

Mrs. F. H. Pierson,

W. B. H. M. - 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mrs. Pierson:

Yours of yesterday with regard to Mr. Spriggs is received. I did not suppose that when your Missionaries were off their field for a whole year that you allowed full salary. You are better than the government, that only allows a percentage of the salary when off duty. Mr. Spriggs wrote me a year ago that he would be unable to conduct the work after Dr. Marsh left unless he had help, and suggested that as he had to take Dr. Marsh's work that his wife should be made teacher, which seemed reasonable. However, since Dr. Thompson's letter we have revised our plans here and will keep Mr. Spriggs, and will propose that you pay Mrs. Marsh this year $500. Although we had appointed her teacher, yet we will take her husband again at the larger salary and thus let you off easy.--However, my daughter expects to arrive from Europe on the 11th instant and my present plans are to be in New York on the 10th, when we can have a conference.

I wish you would ask your Literature Clerk to kindly send me 100 copies of Campbell's Catechism on Mormonism.

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosures

Much obliged for a bound copy of "Home Missions" just received

December 6,   0.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
#415 Chestnut St.,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Diefenderfer:

Yours of December first is received and contents noted. I have received permission from the Commissioner of Educatioh to be absent a couple of weeks in January. I have no appointment in January until the 28th, at Princeton, N. J. Now I can commence a series of meetings, either on Sabbath the 6th, or 13th. If I commenced on the 6th, I would terminate on the 20th; if however your churches would be occupied by the Week of Prayer for the week. from the 6th, to 13th, and if I took it on the 13th, I could leave the bounds of the Presbytery on the 26th, which would enable me to reach my next appointment at Princeton, N. J., on the 28th. That you notice would however cut off one of the three Sabbaths, which I would like to give to your Presbytery.

I can speak twice on each Sabbath. and then give an address on each day of the week with the exception of Saturday. That would make seven addresses, and if we started on the 6th, and closed on the 20th, I can reach thirteen places---three on Sabbath and ten during the two weeks. In looking over the roll of the Presbytery in the Assemblay's minutes, I take it that Erie, Oil City and Titusville, and perhaps Franklin are your most important places, outside of Meadville, where the churches heard the subject at the annual meeting. Now on the basis of three cities on three Sabbaths, and ten places during the two weeks, will you not arrange the itinerary. In doing so keep in mind the facilities for getting from one place to another, and as far as possible to prevent crossing of the course as much as possible. This will save in traveling expenses, and also save in the expenditure of nervous energy.

I presume that each place will want you to give them the regular prayer-meeting night, and of course there will be only two of those, and you will have to select. Commencing so early to arrange this, there will be ample time for each locality to advertise th the meeting, consequently it will not make very much difference whether it comes on the regular prayer-meeting night or not. Indeed there will be some advantage in having it on the other nights, as other denominations can be invited in, and what I have to say will be of equal advantage to the Methodist, Baptist, and other Evangelical Churches. I hope that they will receive a cordial invitation to join with us.

If it shall not be convenient to commence until the 13th, there will be only two Sabbaths in the course. If however you prefer another arrangement, this could be done:-- I could come and commence on the 13th, and close on the 20th, going to two places on a Sabbath, and five places during the week. Then I could return to the Presbytery and commence February 3rd, and close February 10th. This would give four Sabbaths, and five places during each of the two weeks.

Will you not give the arranging of the meeting your immediate attention, that I may know as long in advance as possible what is expected, as I shall turn off all other applications for addresses until I am through with Erie Presbytery. In arranging with the ladies and Pastors of the Presbytery, with reference to these meetings, please caution them not to announce or publish my theme.

I will of course speak on Utah, which you can let them know privately, but I do not wish that said in the public announcement. All that is necessary to say, is that I, a missionary for forty years on the frontier will speak. I think that will be sufficient to attract the audience. Do not wait until you get everything definitely arranged, but from time to time drop me a line ~~xx~~ letting me know what progress you are making.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

Decem. 15 0

Miss Grace Lee Parker
879 Main St. Buffalo N.Y.

Madam
Your letter of Oct 19th promising to send me interest on your note the 1st of November was duly received.
Six weeks have now elapsed since the 1st of Nov & nothing has been received.
If it will help you, you can make monthly payments on the interest,
I can not let the matter run longer without receiving some payments.
Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson

December 1st 0

Messrs Cosgrove & Co
Room 90 Court Block
St Paul Minn

Sirs

Yours enclosing Advertisement is received

Absence from the city has delayed my reply. I will accept for Lot 10 Whitacre, Turner & Lepper subdivision of Block 11 Willes Addition to St Paul, Minn ($1350) thirteen hundred and fifty dollars net — that is the purchaser will pay all Commissions revenue stamps, recorders fees, &c. &c. &c. leaving me the $1350. over & above all expenses of the transfer of whatever kind — the exchange of deed & money to be made at some bank in Washington D.C.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

December 17, 1900.

~~Miss A. E. Wheeler,~~ pb

Junior C. E. S. Presbyterian Church,

South Orange, N. J.

My dear Young Friends:

Miss Wheeler's letter of December 10th enclosing a check for $24.00 from you for the "Sheldon Jackson College" is safely received, and will be at once forwarded to the Treasurer at Salt Lake City.

That you should have remembered what I said so long ago about the need of the College and should have given me such a surprise, makes it seem like a Christmas Gift - the first that I have received this season, and I am quite sure that when it reaches Salt Lake City it will be the first Christmas Gift of the College.

I hope that your work will bear such fruit in your own hearts that this will be the beginning of a Christmas present which you will make every year. I know that you could not have put your money for the Lord in any place where it will accomplish more good than in the College at Salt Lake. I hope that the Savior who rewards a cup of cold water given to a disciple in His name will greatly reward every one of you, giving you happy homes and loving parents and friends, all of which comes from Christ's blessed gift of himself to us.

I take the liberty of enclosing for your Society a small picture of myself.

Wishing you all a Merry Cristmas and a Happy New Year, I remain

Very truly your friend,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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December 17, 1900.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Diefenderfer:

Yours of December 15th is received. I appreciate your difficulties in making out an itinerary, as I have been through the process a number of times myself. I think you are succeeding admirably, and when you get it settled let me know. I am always willing to accept invitations to private houses rather than go to a hotel, as some work is done and some results accomplished in the homes, so that you may accept such invitations for me wherever offered. - At Titusville I have accepted the hospitality of Mrs. Lilian E. Emerson, but have no other promises out in the Presbytery, so that you may arrange it as you think best.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

December 20, 1900.

Mrs. S. L. Beiler,

498 West Perry Street,

Buffalo, New York.

My dear Mrs. Beiler:

Yours of the 18th instant is received. In reply to your question I would say that the Presbyterians have not abandoned the native work in Juneau. The native mission property is right in the center of the white population and the native people in attending church have to run the gauntlet of the saloons. The Mission Board has offered to sell the property in order to re-build in the suburbs of the place and in the immediate vicinity of the native population Not only have they not given up their work in Juneau, but they have extended it by establishing a branch mission just across the channel at Douglas Island.

Tell Mr. Walters that the Methodist Church can find all the work on the Aleutian Islands and the Alaska Peninsula that the denomination will furnish him money for. I notice that he has started a mission among the Chilcat tribe where the Presbyterian Church has been at work for twenty years, and where we have an native church of large membership. Inroads seem to be commencing which probably will cause the old plan of allowing separate fields among the native population to be broken up. I regret it but there is nothing to do but accept it.

With kind regards to your husband and daughters,

I remain,

Very respectfully yours,
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent, &c.

December 20, 1900.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D.,
Secretary Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Brother:

Yours of the 18th is duly received, and General Eaton and myself will be in New York on the 27th, as you suggest.

Much obliged for the agreements which are received and placed on file.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

December 21, 1900.

Mrs. Mary Rice,

Honolulu, Hawaii Islands.

My dear Mrs. Rice:

I was very much gratified when general John Eaton informed me a few days ago that you had sent $150 to the "Sheldon Jackson College" in Utah. I want to thank you for it personally and also in the name of the Master.

As you know, I have had large experience in mission work from old Mexico to Canada, through the new territories of the Rocky Mountainregions,and am in a position to judge of the relative needs of different sections of the country. I assure you that I consider the mission of Christian education in Utah as the most needy work in the United States. Utah is the storm center, religiously, of our Republic. We have got, by the grace of God to educate and level them out of Mormonism, or they will Mormonize the whole country and overthrow the institutions of our fathers.

A few weeks ago I passed through Colorado Springs and thought of the pleasant visit that I had with you a long time ago and have wanted ever since to visit the Hawaiian Islands, and this desire has been intensified since they have become a part of the United States; but somehow I seem to be kept too busy for any vacations. I hope that you have kept well during all these years.

Again thanking you for your assistance in helping to disintegrate Mormonism in Utah, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

December 21, 1900.

Mrs. Harriet V. Craighead,

Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mrs. Craighead:

The Lawyer for the Doty family settled the three notes the other evening in this way: First, $335.79 cash; second 100 pounds of Ivory at Seattle or San Francisco, supposed to be worth $85.50; third, a bill on a Missionary in Alaska for boots, $75.; and fourth, a bill on the natives in St. Lawrence Island for $75. The bill for the ivory and on the Missionary I can collect, making $160.50. The bill for the St.Lawrence Island natives, $75., probably will not be collectable.

If there shall be any deficiency in the collections of the $255.50, Mr. W. F. Doty has given his personal note for any deficiency. In return for these papers and money, I gave to the Lawyer the three notes given by the Doty family to Dr. Craighead, General Eaton and myself; and also returned to him Mr. Doty's Life Insurance papers, which were held as collateral security.

For the three sums, $85.50 for ivory, $75 for Missionary and $75 for natives, Mr. W. F. Doty gives me his note and guarantee for any deficiency in the collection. As your note was in Bank, in order to give it up to the Doty familyof course I had to pay the Bank the full amount of the note, which was $250 on the principal and $16.10 interest. But, as I know you would have joined General Eaton and myself in sharing the cash, and also in sharing the further indebtedness to be paid as above stated, I would respectfully ask you to send me a check for $78.50, which I advanced for you to the American Security and Trust Co., in order that they should give up your note. The indebtedness still to be paid out of the collections aforesaid, is $235.50; this divided between yourself, Gen. Eaton and myself, makes to each of us, $78.50, and I have Mr. W.F. Doty's note to me, as Agent to secure yours, General Eaton, and my own interest in the $235.50. As stated before, $160.50 of the $235.50 will be easily collected when I see the parties. The ivory is to be sold as soon as it will bring a good price, and the $75 from the Missionary in AlaskaI can collect out of his salary. So that I consider that much of the money sure. The $75 from the natives in Alaska I doubt whether it can be collected,---some of it may be. But if it is not collected and Mr. W. F. Doty can pay we have his guarantee; but if his guarantee is of no account, and we lose the $75, it will onlt be $25 apiece to each of the three parties in interest. And I am sure that you will look at it as General Eaton and myself do, that if we lose it we can stand it,as the extra interest that each of us has received for five years will more than make good the loss of the $25 each. There is, of course a possibility that ~~they~~ it can be collected of the natives, and a second possibility that Mr. W. F. Doty can pay it.

I enclose you a receipt which you will please sign and send me, that I can give it to the Lawyer, which you notice releases J. Lamb Doty and Mrs. A. W. Doty. The new note of W. F. Doty is not included in the release.

If I have not made the situation plain, please write me further questions and keep me informed of your California P. O. address.

I am very sorry that you could not have remained a couple of days longer in Washington and had the settlement while you were here to sign the papers.

Wishing you a pleasant sojourn in that land of sunshine and oranges, with kind regards to Miss Alice, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

When your note was brought to the Doty lawyer, it was found to be defective and if the Doty family had chose to refuse to pay it, ~~it~~ they could not have been compelled to do so by law. Consequently you are very fortunate in getting your ~~money~~ principal and 8 pr ct interest. The note was drawn up by Dr Chester for your husband -

The New loan of $\$235.^{50}$ by W. F. Doty also draw 6 pr ct interest

December 22, 1900.

Hon. William D. Knox, M. C.
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Honorable and Dear Sir:

As you are aware, Governor Brady came to Washington at the request of the President to attend the Centennial Memorial Services of the Establishment of the Capital. He is now expecting to return to Alaska. But it seems to me that he ought to be kept here for a few weeks. You know how valuable his services were to your Committee and other committees of Congress during the past two winters. There is legislationimportant to get through this Congress for the improvement of the civil and criminal codes enacted during the past two sessions. In the first place the Secretary of the Interior has recommended and the President in his Message approved of legislation by which 50 per cent of the license fees received in Alaska outside of incorporated towns should be paid into the U. S. Treasury for the use of the Secretary of the Interior in providing schools for the children of Alaska not otherwise provided for in incorporated towns. This causes the children outside of incorporated towns to be placed on the same footing as those in the incorporated towns. I think it was the intention last session to have incorporated in the original bill but in some way it was overlooked. The great immigration of white people into Alaska, many of them taking their families, has made a demand for schools which will not be met by the ordinary appropriation made by Congress. I feel sure that if Governor Brady can be detained here during the month of January he will see so many Congressmen that there will be no trouble in securing this relief this present session, even though many things are pressing their claims upon Congress. If it meets with your approval will you not write a letter to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior stating that you consider it important that Governor Brady should be further detained at Washington. If I mistake not you wrote a similar letter last year and it was freely granted by the Secretary, and I think was helpful in securing the passage of the civil code for Alaska.

You will please not mention my name in making your request of the Secretary of the Interior; but my anxiety to secure the best results for Alaska is my excuse for troubling you in this matter.

Wishing you a pleasant time with your family and many friends in the holidays, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

It is needless to state that this is written without the knowledge of Governor Brady

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Wishing you the greetings of the season, I remain

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

It is needless to state that this is without the knowledge of Governor Brady.
If any action is taken, it should be taken early next week.

December 24,1900.

Rev. Cameron McKenzie, D.D.,
Elmira, New York.

My dear Dr. McKenzie:

Kindly mail to me at once a few sample copies of your income fund card with any circular that goes with it. If you have it summed up, give me the approximate amount of money that you have or expect to raise from it. We are going to try a similar card for the Presbyterian College at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Wishing you great success in your important work of building up Elimra College, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

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December 24, 1900.

To the Treasurer of
Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut.

My dear Sir:

Kindly mail to me at an early date sample cards and circulars such as you send to the Alumni for subscriptions for the income-fund of the University; also let me know the approximate amount which the University receives from such cards. I would like them as samples for the adoption of a small Christian College in the far West.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson
U. S. General Agent, &c.
Bureau of Education
Washington D.C.

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Founded 1835.

The DELAWARE INSURANCE COMPANY
of Philadelphia.
Southeast corner Third & Walnut Sts.

Stanton Cady,
Resident Agent.
Sing Sing, N.Y.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Dec. 1st, 1900.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Cousin:

I have just received a letter from Charles H. Bierkemper (Allegheny Seminary) stating he was going to apply to you for work in Alaska and wishing me to say a good word for him to you. Charles is one of my Boys. I have been helping him get an Education at Park College and am greatly interested in him. We have corresponded for years and last year he spent the Hollidays at my House. He has had much to contend with and considering his early disadvantages. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. His Father was an intemperate man and ran away and deserted his family. His Mother was a Roman Catholic, -somehow the Presbyterian ladies of Kittening, Pa. became interested in the family and Charley and younger sister became Presbyterians. He had a desire to preach the Gospel and went to Park College. I became interested in him through Dr. John A. McAfee. They have not only written of him in the highest terms but when I have visited the College (have been there twice) have spoken of him in warm language; especially of his fidelity in running a Sabbath School several miles distant, for years in which he had to cross the Missouri River and never missed a Sabbath but one in which the River was not crossable. He is not as brilliant a student as others who have had early advantages. But he is a Worker, a persevering fellow, full of sympathy, and just the man I would pick out for a successful Missionary. While at Park College he learned to be a mason, lay stone walls, and turn his hand to anything. He had an older brother who was a drunkard and died, things got in bad shape at home, his Mother was in debt for her Boy's sickness, So Charley left Park College, went to Kittehning and paid off his Mother's debts and got things in good shape by working as a mason and then returned to Park College again. If you will write to John A. McAfee's sons, Parkville, Mo., I think they will confirm my good opinion of him and if you can give him some work in Alaska I will greatly appreciate it.

(signed) Your cousin,

Stanton Cady.

(COPY)

729 Ridge Ave., Allegheny,

Dec. 5th, 1900.

My Dear Dr. Jackson

In regard to Mr. Bierkemper would say that he seems to be a man of good physical health, a devoted Christian, a fair student, and I think mingles with people(especially young people)with very great ease. He has a rather quiet pleasant way in approaching men but does not give an immediate impression of force that makes itself felt at once. He has never had any difficulty in getting a place to preach during his vacations since he has been a student here, which is a favorable feature. I have no means of knowing how apt he would be in attending to the many forms of work required of a missionary in that region.

I am inclined to fear that his aptitude to acquire native languages would not be great. He has had more difficulty with the languages here than with any other branch. But my impression is if he had the language he would be patient and gentle in dealing with natives committed to his care. It might be that he could by ear acquire a native language with ease and yet fail in Hebrew. You could judge of that far better than I. His conduct and bearing during the three years he has been here have been excellent and as I said, if you think he can get the language I believe he would be well fitted to deal with native populations of Alaska.

If there is any point on which I have not touched upon which you would like more light will be glad to give it if I can. x x

(signed) Yours sincerely

Robt. Christie.

(COPY)

PARK COLLEGE

Office of
Chairman of Faculty,
Mackay Building.

Parkville, Mo., Dec. 8,1900

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Charles H. Bierkemper graduates from Park in the class of 1898. We was here six or more years as a student. We found him faithful and conscientious in all lines. He was not the most tactful man among our graduates, He has, however, had some very valuable experiences along that line and I believe has profited by them. He is a tireless worker. Our Presbytery engaged him for some general work after his graduation from college which he did quite satisfactorily. He has an easy quiet manner in approaching men which gives him some power and influence. I believe he would acquire another language. There might be some question as to the accuracy with which he would be able to use it. He is a man of resources and would probably make his way under any conditions.

I will be glad to answer any further questions. I believe he would be found a faithful and conscientious worker. I should like to see him engaged in that sort of work for the Master.

Very truly,

Lowree M. McAfee.

(COPY)

828 Ridge Avenue,
Allegheny City, Pa.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Several years ago while visiting Park College, Parkville, Mo., you made a strong appeal for workers for Alaska, having in view especially Point Barrow. I then offered myself for the work but not having completed my education was not accepted. Now I have finished the College course having graduated from Park in '98 and this spring in May, hope to finish work in Western Seminary.

I have been interested in Alaska more or less since I heard your appeal and now offer myself again for whatever work you might have in that field. If there is an opening for me I hope to go as a married man.

One of your advices so far I have been unable to heed and that is obtain a fairly good knowledge of medicine. All avenues in that direction were closed to me. There is though now a splendid opportunity for me to spend a year in practical work under a physician at a lumber camp in the Mountains of this State. Would you advise such a step or not? I wish to go as well prepared as possible, and if you think it necessary will gladly spend another year in study or enter the work this coming spring if the way is clear.

Sincerely yours,

Dec. 10th, 1900.

Chas. H. Bierkemper.

EDUCATION IN ALASKA.

The first Eropean settlers were Russians; many of these married Indian women and raised families of mixed blood or creoles. As these children increased in number there began to be on the part of some of the fathers a felt need for schools. Accordingly Gregory Shelikoff established a school at Kadiak about the year 1792, which was taught by the trader. In 1893 Catherine II, Empress of Russia, through a ukase ordered missionaries to be sent to her North American Colony, who were expected to take charge of schools as well as churches.

In 1805 Count Nikolai Resanof organized a school at Kadiak in which were taught the Russian language, arithmetic and the Greek religion. In the same year a school was opened at Sitka.

In 1839 a school for girls was established at Sitka for the daughters of the employes of the Fur Company. The following year a similar school was opened for boys.

In 1841 a theological school was established at Sitka which, in 1849 was advanced to the grade of a seminary. At the time of the transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States the teachers were recalled to Russia and the schools were suspended; but with the change of government came a new people; the majority of the Russians left the country and their places were taken by Americans. Two months after the transfer a petition signed by 49 persons was presented to the common council asking for a citizens' meeting to empower the council to establish a school. In the spring of 1868 the school was established and kept for five years, when it was suspended.

The first permanent schools in Alaska were established by Rev. Sheldon Jackson who, in 1877, acting for the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, established a school at Fort Wrangel, and the following year at Sitka. In 1881 at Haines, Hoonah and Jackson. These schools were all supported by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. Largely through the work of Dr. Jackson, in 1884, Congress made a small appropriation of $25,000 for education in Alaska, and in 1885 he was appointed U. S. General Agent of Education in Alaska The schools previously established by the churches were turned over to the government and new schools were started at Juneau, Douglas Kadiak, Unalaska, Bethel, Carmel, Anvik, Metlakatla and Koserefsky.

In 1890 schools were opened among the Eskimos at Cape Prince of Wales, Point Hope and Point Barrow.

In 1892 an industrial schools for instructing Eskimo young men in the management and care of domestic reindeer was located at Teller and supplied with reindeer imported by Dr. Sheldon Jackson from Siberia. These deer have multiplied until in 1900 there are nine herds, aggregating 3,323 head of reindeer. Of these 1,495 are under the personal care of 20 Eskimos who have learned the business by five years apprenticeship in this school. In 1900 Congress provided that 50 per cent of all license fees collected within incorrated towns in Alaska should go to education within those towns. In 1900, Alaska has 25 public schools, 34 teachers, and an enrollment of 1,723 pupils.

CHURCHES IN ALASKA.

In 1793 Catherine II Empress of Russia, through a ukase, ordered missionaries to be sent to her North American Colony. In accordance with this order, in 1794 eleven Monks sailed from Ochotsk for Kadiak Island in charge of Archimendrite Josafaph. This was the commencement of the work of the Russo-Greel Church in Alaska. They now report 66 churches and missions, 14 priests and 26 lay missionaries. ¶ In 1845 a Lutheran minister was sent to Sitka and the Lutheran service in Swedish and German maintained until the time of the transfer, when the Church dropped out of sight with the return ~~removal~~ the the minister and his people to Russia.

The first denomination to commence mission work in Alaska after the transfer to the United States was the Presbyterian. In the fall of 1897 the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D. superintendent of missions in the West, organized mission work at Fort Wrangel, and in March 1878 secured the sending to Sitka of the Rev. John G. Brady, the present Governor of Alaska, and a few months later to Fort Wrangel the Rev. S. Hall Young. D.D. There are now 19 Presbyterian churches and missions in Alaska, of which eight are to the whites and eleven to the natives. There are 17 ministers and 37 lay missionaries. One of the above Churches is at Nome

The next denomination to enter Alaska was the Roman Catholic in 1878. They now report nine priests, 7 lay brothers and 14 sisters of St. Ann.

In 1884 the Moravians commenced missions in the valleys of the Kuskokwim and Nushagak rivers. In 1900 they have 4 ministers, 11 lay missionaries, 23 native Evangelists and 30 mission stations.

In 1886 the Baptists established a mission at Wood Island and Kadiak; at present they have one minister and three lay missionaries.

The mission work of the Protestant Episcopal Church also dates from 1886. In 1895 their work was greatly strengthened by the appointment of the Rev. Peter Trimble Rowe, D.D., as Bishop of Alaska. They now occupy 10 mission stations with 6 ministers, 20 lay missionaries and 8 native helpers. They have a Church at Nome.

In 1887 the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant and the Friends entered Alaska. In 1900 the Swedes had 6 ministers and 9 lay missionaries ar three stations, one of them being at Nome. The Friends have also three stations and 9 missionaries.

The Methodist Episcopal Church commenced Alaska work at Unga, in 1886 and Unalaska in 1889. They have 4 stations, 4 ministers and 3 lay missionaries.

Under a call for volunteers to carry the Gospel to the Arctic and sub-Arctic Alaska, the Congregational denomination commenced work at Cape Prince of Wales in 1890. It has now three stations and three missions, one of them being at Nome. In 1900 the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States commenced work at Teller with one minister and two lay missionaries.

Dec 26 0

Mr Herbert B. Huntley
Rooms 14-15 Haller Bldg
Seattle Wash

Dear Sir

Yours of the 19th is received and I enclose Canal warrants 378 + 438 for $500.00 each with interest for collection.

Please mail to me at Washington D.C. a draft on New York for the amount + greatly oblige

Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson

Dec 28

Mrs D. F. Diefenderfer
415 Chestnut St. Erie Pa.

My dear Friend

Yours of the 23rd is at hand & arrangements satisfactory. [illegible] not worry about me. Make the best arrangements possible for the Churches. Do not object to the crossing paths when necessary.

Will be glad to attend Minister's Meeting on the 14th at Erie. Prefer to meet the Men Saturday night rather than Sunday Afternoon. Do you think it necessary to have a seperate Meeting for men? It seems to me that those who will attend such a Meeting will attend the general one.

Will write Rev H. L. Hodge as you request.

Very truly Yours.

Sheldon Jackson

Dec 31

To the Evangelist

Enclosed find $3.00 in payment of 50 copies of the Evangelist. Thanks for your promptness They have gone into the hands of Congressmen to help secure an appropriation for providing water for the Pima Indians of Arizona The Home Mission number is great success — Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

December 31

My dear Dr Roosa

After leaving your office last Thursday I called on Prof Fuller After an examination he intimated that if nothing was done I might not live more than three years. He also intimated that I had better be operated upon.

When you see him, will you not go fully into the case with him. I have a natural horror, that I suppose all have, to an operation. But if it is necessary to prolong life and usefulness, I ought to be willing to endure the suffering

Ask Prof Fuller, what he thinks is the matter - what he would expect to accomplish by the operation - whether the progress of the disease could not be arrested in some other way - If the operation is successful, about how long I would be detained in the hospital?

When you get Prof Fuller's views please write me frankly and let me know your own opinion as to the advisability of the operation

I shall rely very much on your opinion
There is a disposition in Surgeons to magnify the necessity of the "Knife" I do not know that Prof Fuller would be unduly influenced that way. But if there is a way of securing relief other than the Knife, of course I would prefer it. Please let me hear from you

Your Brother in Christ –
Sheldon Jackson

Dec
~~January~~ 31, 0.

Mrs. Elliot F. Shepherd,
Woodlea, Scarborough on the Hudson,
New York.

My dear Mrs, Shepherd:

I received your card last week safely, with regard to the Reindeer Reports. I look upon your late husband and yourself as the promoters of the scheme. If your husband had not taken hold of the matter so vigonously I might never have started. Therefore when I have a set of reports bound up for my children, I feel that I must remember you also. I hope you have met Dr. and Mrs. Marsh, from Point Barrow. I enclose you a copy of a letter from Miss. Olga Hilton. She has worked very hard in Sitka, not exclusively in her department of cooking, but supplementing the places of other teachers who needed a rest, and would be gone a few weeks, until the physician says she must have rest. She dislikes resting however with nothing to do, and feeling that perhaps she has fallen behind somewhat in teaching the best methods of cooking would like to spend her vacation in a cooking school in the east. When she left Alaska she supposed that she could find a school at Seattle or Portland, certainly at San Francisco, but so far as we have been able to find out, there is not a good cooking school on the Pacific Coast.

The question then arose with reference to coming eastward as far as Chicago or going to Brooklyn or Boston. You will notice by her last letter that she thinks Boston would be the cheapest place. I lay the matter before you hoping that you may be so situated that you could spare her from $200.00 to $250.00. I think that would be sufficient to pay her traveling expenses and incidental expenses in Boston.

Whenever your income increases so that you are able to carry on the many benevolences that you have already on hand, and have a surplus in the Lord's fund I want you to remember the Presbyterian College in Utah. We are in such straits to keep it going that we would most gladly and thankfully accept the crumbs which can be obtained from other institutions . There are one hundred thousand immortal souls of school age in Utah that have no place or opportunity of securing a higher Christian education; young women that would gladly fit themselves as stenographers and typewriters or teachers of public schools in order to be able to take care of themselves and not be compelled to go into polygamy have no chance to get such a training for want of a suitable building. Many such have been turned away from our Presbyterian school this past fall. I know of no more urgent or needy benefaction in my wide knowledge of Christian work in the land.

I had a very pleasant call at Mrs. Schiffliens a few days ago. Wishing you a happy New Year, I am, very sincerely,

Your friend,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

Everett, Wash.

Dec. 13, 1900:

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear friend,

Yours of November seventh I received yesterday upon my arrival here. Cottage City was two days late. We were snow bound and had much freight to take on at Killisnoo so were delayed. Did not reach Sitka on the exact date so we left on a late date, arrived in Seattle on Sunday noon, December 9th. As I had many things to purchase for the people in Sitka I spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning there. One of my classmates home is there so I was well cared for. The father is a retured Minister and the girls are all teachers in the city schools of that place.

Now I am with my cousin who belongs to the Christian Church good people. Just married and have settled in a comfortable home. Cousin Mabel is the one with whom my brother was so long and in that way she does her share of missionary work. Now a boy has entered her home so she has to give up much of her church work. Both she and her husband and are lovely people, quiet and modest, loving and fearing God and making their home a blessing to others.

I am disappointed as there are no cooking teachers here in Portland or in Seattle and I feel that I cannot afford to go elsewhere as my sum is limited.

My brother is going back to school in January to finish a few subjects that will enable him to enter some advanced school. I have written to Governor Brady asking him if possible to appoint him as representative of Alaska in Annapolis. Both Brother and I are very anxious to get that appointment. Even if he has to wait as he has good opportunities to work upon leaving school in June. He has done so well in his work that I feel he must be in school for at least five months as he is anxious to finish Algebra, Geometry and General History. I can have him remain with my cousin and board here and have a good home. She has so few furnished rooms that I shall have to help her a little in that. He has a tutor every evening but two during the week to finish the first book in Geometry. This will enable him to catch up with the rest of the class and go with them after Christmas.

Now about myself. Your plan is a good one and I am very glad that you have thought of such an important step, for if I do not do better the Juneau School is to add every thing in that line of work just as soon as they think wise and I thought that I should apply for a place when a place of that sort was opened as I am in need of earning more. My hands are full and I lack the money it puts me in a very uncomfortable position. As far as good work is concerned who Chicago would be the best as I think that cooking schools in San Francisco are still in their infancy, but I really cannot afford this step this year unless I borrow the money, but I dislike to do that as I have never done it since you paid Lottie's fare and I paid you. The I shall have to pay my brother's board.

[illegible]

[illegible] Annapolis.

[illegible] school. Mr. Kelly gave me to understand [illegible] at the end of my six weeks [illegible] will be stopped and that is to be considered. I am very disappointed for I thought that surely Seattle would offer something in the cooking line, but it does not and in Portland they are only speaking of introducing that branch of work into their schools. I am practicing as much as I can here but I need the help of some competent teacher and class practice.

I have written to Governor Brady and sent the letter in your care. I sincerely hope that he will consider the contents, it is in regard to my brother's wishes to enter Annapolis.

Please write when convenient. I neglected to explain why I did not hear from Prof. Roberts and then I planned to take this [illegible] and could not afford everything and he was working and could not leave the place at the time. He wishes to study Electricity and Engineering and could not receive such a course there.

Very sincerely,

(signed) Olga Hilton.

Care of Mr. [illegible] H. [illegible]

December 31, 0.

Mrs. Helen S. Robinson,
Makaweeli, Kauai,
Hawiian Islands.

My dear Friend:

A few days ago I took the liberty of sending you two or thre magazines largely devoted to the Mormon question. I hope that you will again this season be able to interest your son and nephew and niece in the College. We have this year six pupils in the College proper, and eighty in the Preparatory Department, which is the old Salt Lake College Institute.

We were confident last year this time that we would have been able to put up our first College building last summer, but in this we were greviously disappointed. The result was that this year we had to turn away Mormon young men and women who wanted a higher education simply because we had no place to put them. It makes our hearts bleed to do this, and we find it a very depressing influence on our minds, to think that there is so much money in the hands of God's people and yet God's work has to suffer for the want of it.

I expect during the middle of January to make a two weeks tour through the churches of Western Pennsylvania to secure funds. May the Lord open the hearts of his people to respond. I notice in a New York paper that there has been a recent celebration of the

Mormons in Honolulu and that they claim 5,000 converts in the islands. They are increasing rapidly in the United States, and it is time that the Church should wake up and undermine the Mormon system through the leavening power of a Chrsitian education.

With kind remembrances to Miss Gay and the other members of your family, I remain,

Truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

December 31, 0.

Mr W. S. Northrop,
Editorial Department, Sunday World,
Pulitzer Bldg., New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Sunday World with the Eskimo article came duly to hand. You have taken so much interest in it please permit me to send you as a memento of that far North-land an Eskimo pocket. They have no pocket in their clothes but wear a pocket attached to their belt. This pocket carries their tobacco, matches, cartridges, or any knick-knacks they may have about them.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

December 31, 0.

Mr. Z. E. Foster,
#954 Orange Street,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to send you the following indorsement which I hope will accomplish your purpose. If you make a sale of your properties please include in the list those which you took up for me.

I hope that Mrs. Foster and the baby are both well. When to you expect to return to Alaska? With happe New Year's greetings to you all, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I first met Mr. Z. E. Foster, in connection with the Society of Friends at Kotzebue, Alaska, where he had spent the previous winter in Mission work in conjunction with his wife. In the summer of 1900 he was appointed by the ~~Island~~ Committee of Friends as the Missionary to Kotzebue, and I arranged to loan the Mission a small herd of Domestic Reindeer. I saw much of him during the summer of 1900, and can reccommend him to the confidence of the public.

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Dec 31, 1900

December 31, [illegible]0.

Hon. George W. McBride,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yours enclosing letter of Senator Platt, with regard to publishing Reindeer Report, is received and I thank you very much for your interest in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

December 31, 0.

To the Secretary of the Reform School
of the District of Columbia,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please express to your brother-trustees my thanks for a copy of your hymn book and Liturgy. I thought of asking for a copy when I was at the institution. I assure you that I am very glad to get the book. It may be of assistance hereafter by way of suggestion to some similar institutions.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

December 31, 0.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
#415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

My dear Friend:

Yours without date is received, and I notice the change for Erie Park instead of Erie Central. I will be very glad to have the conference of men Sunday afternoon, and the reception Monday evening, or in other words I leave myself entirely in your hands to make such arrangements as you thihk best.

Wishing you a happy New Year, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

Is it necessary for me to bring a dress suit for that reception?

December 31, 0.

Mr. Eugene S. Willard,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Willard:

I wish you would take time to make inquiries concerning the American Publishing Association, 179 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. They have sent out circulars some two or three years ago with reference to a Biographical Encyclopaedia to which I subscribed, but I now hear nothing from them. They are now proposing to publish a Library of American Literature consisting of twenty volumes.

What I would like you to find out for me is the standing of that firm in Chicago. Are they considered reliable or are they bogus I presume you could find out by calling at Revell's or the Presbyterian Book House. Let me know as soon as convenient. I ought to have written you before.

Wishing a happy New Year to yourself and family, I remain,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

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Sheldon Jackson, General Agent, &c.

1900.		Traevlling Expenses.		
April	23	R.R.fare Washington to Chicago	17	00
		Cab for self & baggage (2 trunks) to Station		70
		Chair car Harrisburg to Pittsburg	1	00
		$1. $1. ~~.25~~ Lunch Dinner ~~Porter~~	2	00
		Sleeper Pittsburg to Chicago	2	50
"	24	Baggage transfer across Chicago		50
		$1. .25 Breakfast Street cars	1.	25
		R.R.Fare Chicago to Seattle	35	75
		Sleeper Chicago to Salt Lake	9	~~50~~ 00
		.75 $1. Lunch Dinner	1	75
		Porter – sleeper		25
"	25	$1. .50 $1. Breakfast Lunch Dinner	2	50
		Porter – sleeper		25
"	27	$1. .50 $1. .25 Breakfast Lunch Dinner Porter sleeper	2	75
		Cab to Salt Lake R.R.Station		50
		Sleeper Salt Lake to Portland	6	00
		.50 $1. .25 Lunch Dinner Porter, sleeper	1	75
			85.	95
				45

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Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Travelling Expenses (continued)

1900		Brought forward	~~86~~ 85	~~20~~ 45 ~~95~~
April	28	$1. .75 Breakfast Lunch	1	75
		.25 $1. Porter Sleeper } Dinner	1	25
		.20 Portland Street cars Sleeper ~~a Porter~~ to $2. $1. .25 Seattle	2	20
"	29	Breakfast Porter Sleeper	1	25
		Baggage to Hotel, Seattle, (Voucher No.1)		50
"	30	Street cars Seattle		20
May	1	Street cars "		20
"	2	Street cars "		30
"	4	.15 .45 Str. cars Telephone (Voucher 1.)		60
"	5	Board at Occidental Hotel, Seattle, 6 1/5 days at $2.50	15	50
		Baggage fr. Hotel to Ship (Voucher 1)		50
"	23	Ferry at Unalaska		10
	24	Ferry at Unalaska		20
June	11	Lunch at Nome (could not get back to Ship)	1	00
	20	Meal on shore " "	1	00
		Notary Fee		.25
~~May 6 to June 30~~		~~Capt. Tuttle's bill fr. May to June 30, at $2.50 per day for 56 days~~		
		Total	$1[illegible]	.75
			~~$112~~	~~75~~
			112	.25

W. T. Harris
Commissioner

Sheldon Jackson

E.M.

April 17, 1900.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
General Agent of Education for Alaska,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Having received from the Secretary of the Treasury a favorable response to my request that you be permitted to travel upon the Revenue Cutters in Alaskan waters, in discharge of your official duties of inspecting the schools and reindeer stations, you will make your arrangements to join and sail northward on the Revenue Cutter BEAR.

You are authorized and instructed on your journey across the Continent to stop off at such points where you may have business in the interests of your work to transact.

Very truly yours,

(signed) W. T. Harris,

Commissioner.

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Traveling Expenses.

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1900.					
July	4	Dinner on shore -	The ship was an-	1	00
	9	" " "	chored over a mile	1	00
	15	" " "	from the shore and	1	00
Aug.	4	" " "	I was unable to re-	1	00
			turn to the ship		
			for the above meals		
			Sheldon Jackson		
	28	Board & lodging U.S.S.Transport LAWTON, from Aug. 2 to Aug. 28 incl. 20 days at $1. per day.(Voucher 1.)		20	00
	29	Baggage from Ship to Hotel.(Vouch.2)		1	00
	29-30	-Board & lodging at OccidentalHotel 1 1/2 days at $3. per day.(Voucher 2)		4	50
	30	Baggage from Hotel to R.R.Depot.(")		1	00
	"	Sleeper from Seattle to Duluth		12	00
	31	Breakfast $1. lunch .75, Dinner $1. Porter .25	Porterage on Sleeper	3	00
Sept.	1	Breakfast $1.lunch .75,Dinner $1. Porter .25		3	00
	2	" " " "		3	00
	"	Sleeper from Duluth to Montreal		6	00
				$57	50

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Traveling Expenses (cont'd).

		Brought forward -------------------	57	50
1900.				
Sept.	3	Breakfast $1. lunch .75, dinner $1. Porter .25	3	00
	4	" " " "	3	00
	"	R.R.Fare from Montreal to New York	10	60
		Sleeper " "	2	00
		Street Cars, Monteeal		40
	5	Breakfast $1.,lunch .75, dinner $1., Porter .25 $3.25	3	00
	"	R.R.Fare New York to Washington-Cab, and 2 trunks,from Depot to Concord Flats. Chair Car New York to Wash'n.	5	50
	7	Cab from house to depot		50
	"	R.R.Ticket to New York	3	25
	"	Chair Car Washington to New York	1	25
	"	Dinner $1., ~~Porter .25~~	1	~~25~~ 00
	8	Breakfast $1.,lodging at Hotel $2.	3	00
	"	Street cars .25, R.R.Ticket New York to Washington	3	25
		Chair Car to Washington, Cab from depot to Concord Flats; Dinner $1.	2	75

Porterage charges — on sleeper

Notary fee

$98.25

100.50

100.50
98.25
$2.25

Sheldon Jackson

January 8 1.

Hon. Thomas W. Cridler,

Third Assistant Secretary of State.

Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you First Lieutenant E. P. Bertholf, of the Revenue Cutter Service of the Treasury Department.

The Secretary of the Interior has asked for certain papers for Mr. Bertholf for St. Petersburg. Kindly direct him to the proper clerk to have the papers prepared for the signature of the Secretary. The matter is one of haste, and we shall be obliged to you for any suggestions that you can make in order that the papers may be obtained at the earliest possible date.

Hoping that you have recovered from your attack of grip, I am

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

January 2, 1.

Rev. George G. Smith,
#5432 Hoe Street,
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Smith:

This letter will introduce to you the Rev. Mr. Bailey, one of the missionaries of our Home Mission Board in Utah. He has come East for a couple of months to canvass in the interests of the Sheldon Jackson College. If it is not asking too much, kindly give him names of wealthy and liberal Presbyterians in and around Pittsburg, also where you feel at liberty to do so give him letters of introduction, and such other assistance, as will help him in his important work.

Wishing you and Mrs. Smith a happy New Year, I remain,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

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January 2, 1901.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
#415 Chestnut Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

My dear Friend:

Yours of yesterday is received along with schedules from January 6 to 14. You need not fear for the effect of storms upon my health, as I generally thrive best in snow storms. I only regret that some people who might wish to be at the meeting will be unable to ~~be there~~ attend. I take the liberty of sending you a few copies of The Women's Monograph on myself, with the suggestion that one be sent to the minister of each church where I am to make addresses between January 14 and 21st. I will send to the several places includ~~ing~~ed between January 6 and 13th. It may help to arouse more interest in the several communities, and thereby secure better audiences. I trust that it may be convenient for you to meet me at some place next week, as we can arrange matters better after a conference.

Truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 2, 1.

Mr. Baker,
Seattle Hardware Co.,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Baker:

Mr. W. F. Doty has assigned all his interest in the ivory that was left in your possession to me. I understood from him that it was to be sent to S. Foster & Co., of San Francisco for sale. When you do so kindly notify me of its being sent.

Wishing you a happy New Year, I remain,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

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January 2, 1.

Messrs. S. Foster & Co.,
#26 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Mr. William F. Doty has assigned to me all his interest in the ivory which was left with the Seattle Hardware Company to be sent you for sale.

When sold please send check for the amount to me less your commission, and greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 2, 1.

Union City Pa

Reverend and dear Sir:

I take the liberty of sending you a Monograph of the Women's Board on myself as it may [illegible] assist you in awakening a deeper interest in the missionary meeting that is to be held on the 11th and thereby secure a larger audience of the public.

Allow me to suggest that the people of the Methodist, Baptist and other churches, be invited in, provided there is a place for them in your audience room, also in your announcement on Sabbath ask special prayer of the people in their homes, that we may have the Holy Spirit with us at our meeting in a special manner.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 2, [illegible]1.

Pr

North East. Pa

Reverend and dear Sir:

I take the liberty of sending you a Monograph of the Women's Board on myself as it may assist you in awakening a deeper interest in the missionary meeting that is to be held on the 10th and thereby secure a larger audience of the public.

Allow me to suggest that the people of the Methodist, Baptist and other churches, be invited in, provided there is a place for them in your audience room, also in your announcement on Sabbath ask special prayer of the people in their homes, that we may have the Holy Spirit with us at our meeting in a special manner.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 2, 1.

Rev Francis M. Hall
Conneautville Pa

Reverend and Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of sending you a Monograph of the Women's Board on myself as it may assist you in awakening a deeper interest in the missionary meeting that is to be held on the 9th and thereby secure a larger audience of the public.

Allow me to suggest that the people of the Methodist, Baptist and other churches, be invited in, provided there is a place for them in your audience room, also in your announcement on Sabbath ask special prayer of the people in their homes, that we may have the Holy Spirit with us at our meeting in a special manner.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 2, 1.

Rev J. W. Reese Girard Pa

Reverend and Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of sending you a Monograph of the Women's Board on myself as it may assist you in awakening a deeper interest in the missionary meeting that is to be held on the 8th and thereby secure a larger audience of the public.

Allow me to suggest that the people of the Methodist, Baptist and other churches, be invited in, provided there is a place for them in your audience room, also in your announcement on Sabbath ask special prayer of the people in their homes, that we may have the Holy Spirit with us at our meeting in a special manner.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

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January 2, 1.

Reverend and Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of sending you a Monograph of the Women's Board on myself as it may assist you in awakening a deeper interest in the missionary meeting that is to be held on the 7th and thereby secure a larger audience of the public.

Allow me to suggest that the people of the Methodist, Baptist and other churches, be invited in, provided there is a place for them in your audience room, also in your announcement on Sabbath ask special prayer of the people in their homes, that we may have the Holy Spirit with us at our meeting in a special manner.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 2, 1.

Rev. H. Richmond Marsh,
#306 N. Broadway,
Joliet, Illinois.

My dear Friend:

Much obliged for the presentation of the reindeer matter in the Syracuse Presbytery. I had a similar letter from Mr. Kirk, but I am afraid you would miss your steamer, if you attended a meeting of Presbytery there in July, later in the season when the plans of the Cutter are more matured I will try and find out definitely, at present it does not seem feasible. The expenses would be considerably greater that way than by ocean direct. Thanks to Koonooya you his drawings, which will excite much interest.

With kind regards to Mrs. Marsh and your parents, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

Have you found the right kind of a Medical Missionary for St Lawrence Island?

January 3, 1900.

Mr. Fortus B. Ware,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Ware:

After something over a year ago, the War Department paid me $1500 extra salary for going to Lapland after reindeer and taking charge of the reindeer and 63 drivers with their families, making 113 people. I had charge of them for two years, but charged the government for 13 months at $100 a month

The Auditor of the War Department has held up the payment on the ground that no official can draw two salaries from the government without special legislation. The Secretary of War has sent a request to Congress to legalize the payment. This is known as H. R. Doc. No. 161, 56th Congress, 2d Session, a copy of which I enclose you.

This request will go on the Deficiency Bill and will ask for no new appropriation, only that the payment already made from a former appropriation shall stand. This goes before the Appropriation Committee of which Mr. Joseph Cannon of Illinois, is Chairman. I wish again to ask your good graces in the matter and approach to Mr. Cannot through some of

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Mr. Cannon's friends and backers in Illinois, stating that they are interested in the reindeer matter and hope he will see his way clear to recommend that this bill be allowed.

Thanking you for past assistance, and hoping to see you in Washington this winter, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

no

3 years

Yes

So far as I know

I have travelled with him two seasons on the U.S. Revenue Cutter Bear

no

no

no

Concerning Lieut. E. P. Bertholf

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no

Do not know

An officer of U.S. Revenue Cutter Service

Do not know

no

To the present

Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent of Education in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Washington DC
Jan 4th 1

No.

Two and ½ years.

I do

Yes, to the best of my knowledge.

Have met him frequently at the Bureau of Education

Never

Never.

Never

No.

Never, to my knowledge.

Lieutenant U.S. Revenue Cutter Service.

Not to my knowledge.

Never

Am now acquainted with him

William Hamilton
Assistant U.S. Agent, Education for Alaska.
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D.C.

Jan. 4

January 4, 1901.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,

415 Chestnut Street,

Erie, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Diefenderfer:

Your letter of January 2nd is received. I leave this evening for Franklin, where I should arrive about to-morrow noon. I will be ready for any arrangement that the two Ministers at Franklin and Oil City may make.

I am sending a monograph to-day to the four Ministers at Erie.

I will be very glad to see you at Fairview on Monday if convenient for you to get there.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

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January 4, 1901.

Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co.

Publishers, - 372 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sirs:

A friend of mine has written a very interesting book on the "Life, Letters and Reminiscences of Major-General Earl VanDorn", who was 20 years in the U. S. Army and 2 years in the Confederate Army, covering a period in the history of our country between the years 1842 and 1863. There are some original documents in this book which the War Department, in its Rebellion Records was unable to obtain, and comparative reports of battles with General Grant, Rosecrans and others are given, which will interest historians.

I send you some pages of the book with several illustrations that you may see the style, and if you wish all of the Ms. I can forward it to you, but would like to have you look it over and send me the terms upon which you would publish it. There will be a book of about the size of "Alaska" which you published for me, and will contain some half dozen interesting illustrations.

Wishing you a happy new year, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 4, 1901.

Mr. Charles S. Fee,
General Passenger Agent, North Pacific Railway,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Fee:

Will you kindly issue me a Clergyman's half-fare permit over your entire line for 1901? The one for 1900 is numbered 2885. Also please mail me a copy of your last "Wonderland".

Kind regards to Mr. Craig and Mr. Cleland. Wishing you all a happy new year, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

Enclosure

January 4, 1901.

Hon. John K. Cowan,
President, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Cowan:

As I am unacquainted with your new General Passenger Agent, I take the liberty to apply through you for a Clergyman's permit over the Baltimore & Ohio Road for 1901.

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Cowan, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

Enclosure

January 4, 1901.

Mr. H. A. Riddle,
Gen'l Passenger Agent, Cumberland Valley R.R.Co.,
Chambersburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Riddle:

Kindly mail me an order for a Clerical ticket over your line for 1901.

Wishing you a happy new year, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

Enclosure

January 4, 1901.

Dr. J. T. Sweetman,
Charlton, New York.

Dear Dr. Sweetman:

Thanks for your Sunday School Card. Many returns of a happy new year to you and yours.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Jackson
U.S.General Agent, &c.

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United States Fidelity & Guaranty [illegible]

Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly mail to me for the use of [illegible] ion of the Bureau of Education, a copy of [illegible] 1901, the one that has a picture of Boy [illegible] your office in this city and found that they [illegible] said they had distributed 2,000 copies in the city. [illegible] strange that they overlooked the Bureau of Education [illegible] 2,000. Only two or three days ago [illegible] one of our employees who is going [illegible] Siberia. If your Calendar had been [illegible] I have no doubt that [illegible] making of the [illegible]

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

[illegible]

January 22, 1901.

Miss Olga Hilton,
3026 Hoyt ave
Everett. Wash.

My dear Miss Hilton:

Mrs. Shepard is willing to give you $250 to assist you to go to Brooklyn or Boston to brush up in your cooking studies but this is on condition that you continue in the mission work. Since writing you I have again received intimations from Sitka that your friends, the Mills have been looking around, presumably with your permission, for another place for you. I cannot believe that you are double-dealing with me in this matter, and before sending you any more money I must have full statement from yourself, whether you expect, and it is your wish to continue teaching cooking at the mission whenever needed there, and when not needed there at the public school in Sitka. You remember the conversation I had with you as to the injurious effect upon yourself and your future course of an intimacy with the Mills or any other family family. Indeed I do not consider it best for any missionary in Sitka or elsewhere to have intimate friends outside of the Mission circle. Wherever it has been tried by other missionaries it has worked badly for them, and it is working badly for you. I had hoped that what I had said to you on the subject in Sitka would have been sufficient. I hope the reports that come to me on the subject are exaggerated. If I am to contimue to look after you and assist you it must be on condition that you have no intimate friends outside of the Mission circle. This may seem very harsh to you but if you had had the large experience that I have had with others, you would not wonder at my position.

If your reply is satisfactory you may make your arrangements for Boston. By the way, how do you expect to support yourself while off on your vacation? The government salary does not continue while you are away from your work.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

January 22, 1901.

Rev. William M. Paxton, D.D., LL.D.

Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Paxton:

I have a light attack of grippe complicated with laryngitis and greatly regret the necessity of declining the very kind invitation of the Faculty to make an address at the Theological Seminary next Sabbath. As the appointment for the ladies meeting on Monday evening is of long standing I expect to attempt at least to fill it.

With kind regards to the household I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

January 22, 1901.

Mrs. Helen S. Robinson,

Menlo Park, San Mateo County,

California.

My dear Mrs. Robinson:

Yours of December 29th was awaiting my return from a two weeks missionary tour in western Pennsylvania, and I am very glad to hear that you and your son are so comfortably situated in California. Thanks for your congratulations on the Moderatorship. I published last year a little monograph concerning the Moderatorship for private circulation among friends. If you did not receive a copy kindly let me know and I will send you one.

Thanks for the hundred dollars for the College in Utah. We have eighty pupils in the preparatory department and six students in the College proper.

The trustees are now making an earnest effort to secure funds for the first building; we had hoped that that building would have been erected last year, but the trustees failed to get sufficient money for the purpose; the result of the failure was that 42 young people who would have entered who came in September have given up taking a college course as we had not room for them in the preparatory department, where the college classes are compelled to recite.

The General Assembly last spring was so impressed with the importance of the institution that they gave it a recommendation to the Churches, which is a very unusual thing for the Assembly to do.

With kind regards to all the friends ~~of~~ in the household, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Enclosure

January 22, 1901.

Mr. Herbert B. Huntley,
14 Heller Building,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Sir:

Yours of January 4th with draft for $1087.42, being proceeds of Canal warrants ~~for~~ No 378 and 438, with interest, is received. Please accept thanks for the same.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

January 22, 1901.

Miss Alice W. Creighead,
80 Euclid Avenue,
Passadena, California.

My dear Miss Craighead:

Yours of December 31st enclosing check for $78.50 is received. I will attend to the sale of the Ivory and make ~~other~~ collections of Mr. Doty and let you know when paid.

I am glad that you got through with your mother so comfortably to California and am sure that that delightful climate will do you both a great deal of good.

Mrs. Jackson and the daughters if they knew I was writing would send love. Please remember me very kindly to your mother.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

January 22, 1901.

Mrs. Elliot F. Shepard,
611 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

Yours of January 20th enclosing check for $250 for Miss Hilton is received. Before forwarding the check to Miss Hilton I think I will write her again and find out more definitely what we may expect from her. Since writing you I have learned that a friend of hers had been making inquiries to get her another place. If she expects to leave our work I will return the check to you, but if she simply wants to fit herself more perfectly for the mission work I will give her the check. My plans with reference to her if she continues in the mission work is to have her teach cooking at the mission school part of the time and part of the time at the public school. In the past when she was not teaching cooking in the mission school she was in charge of other departments of the school; but it is much better that she should devote her whole time to cooking classes and I will so arrange that when she is not teaching cooking in the mission school that she shall teach it in the public school. This will enable her to do something for her own people (the Russians).

I will write to Miss Hilton, as you suggest.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

January 22, 1901.

Mrs. S. L. Wallace,

Dorland Institute,

Hot Springs, North Carolina.

My dear Mrs. Wallace:

I am glad to get your letter of January 20th and find that you are so comfortably situated. It will give me pleasure to call on your sister Mrs. Coulter, and Niece, Miss Pumphrey.

I have been absent from the city myself for two weeks past. Am glad to hear that your daughter is married and living nicely at Des Moines, Iowa. Remember me to her when you write.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

January 22, 1901.

Mr. Ferd P. Kaiser,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Sir:

Please accept thanks for Volume 4 of the "World's Best Essays" safely received. I have not yet had time to dip into it but know I shall enjoy it.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

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January 22, 1901.

Mr. Colin Studds,

P.A.R.R.Co.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Much obliged for your effort to secure me a "clerical" although it did not succeed. I see it will require my calling at the General Office in Philadelphia, as in former years.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

Jan'y 22, 1901.

Rev. William R. Campbell,
Box 103 Madison Square Station,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Campbell:

Much obliged for your letter of January 19th; also for the leaflet "Appeal from Utah"; also for Mormon Catechism, the latter of which I expect to order two or three hundred as soon as the women have it ready. I enclose fifty cents for which you can send me the Appeal to the Patriotic Women of our Country.

Hoping that your health remains firm, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

(Enclosure.)

January 22, 1901.

Mrs. Dorothea H. Sipe,

600 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Yours of the 14th instant is received inviting me to address your C. E. Society next Sabbath. I greatly regret to say that I am suffering from a light attack of the grippe complicated with laryngitis and will be unable to meet with your Society. Possibly on some later occasion I may be able to do what it would give me great pleasure to do at the present time if I could.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

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January 22, 1901.

Mr. A. S. Sturtevant,
1453 Howard Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your invitation to address the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church is received. As I said to you on the cars this morning, I am unable to accept the invitation at present on account of an attack of laryngitis. I will bear the matter in mind, however, and hope to be able to do so on some future occasion.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

January 22, 1901.

Miss Sadie Wine Littrell,
1515 Twentieth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Yours of Wednesday is received. Unfortunately I have an engagement at Princeton, New Jersey, for the 28th of January and cannot visit your meeting. I will try and have the Alaska Curios ready on Friday or Saturday . Please indicate which day you will send for them to the Concord Flats.

Hoping you may have a successful convention, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent, &c.

January 22, 1901.

The Northwestern Investment Company,
Endicott Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Cochran:

Yours of January 8th enclosing tax certificate of [illegible] property is received with thanks. Also yours of the [illegible] about the Clarkin property. I will let it go at $700 net in cash and $650 net on note bearing 6 per cent. interest for one or two years — that is, the purchaser to pay all expenses of [illegible]. If this sale does not go through then I would recommend that the price be placed at $1500. I also wish you to secure the property from its present incumbent whenever you think it wise to do so.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

January 23, [illegible].

Mr. Thomas F. Koontz,
Room 400, Hodge Hall,
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Koontz:

Yours of the [illegible] is received. I had understood that Dr. Thompson was expecting a student at Auburn to go to Sitka, but if he has failed, I see no reason why you should not have a chance for that place. I expect to speak in Princeton next Monday night the 28th, and will be the guest of Prof. William Libbey. I hope you will [illegible] before or after your evening meal when we can talk over matters.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

C. O. P. Y.

December 8, 1899.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jackson:

I send you herewith the form in which the proposition of the Board was finally and unanimously adopted by the Board yesterday. It differs, as you will see, only slightly in the "Second" condition and I trust that you and the other Trustees will see your way clear to agree to it.

It is not expected by the Board that you will use the name Preparatory Department of the College until after such formal agreement by the Trustees.

I enclose also a resolution which was adopted by the Board. It is of the nature of a suggestion to the Trustees regarding the form of public announcement that has recently been made and to which some of the members of the Board felt objection. I believe this modification as suggested in the resolution will be in the interests of the college. The failure of some western schemes has made some of our moneyed men in the east conservative about the connection of real estate matters with educational projects.

Hoping to hear from you soon of the acceptance by the Trusteees of these resolutions and conditions and believing that it will inure to the advantage of Christian education in Utah, I am, with good wishes,

Cordially yours,
(signed) C. L. Thompson,
Secretary.

Whereas, The Board of Home Missions has heard from Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D., with profound interest the recital of facts relating to the introduction of the gospel into Utah, the opening, maintenance and growth of the mission schools under the auspices of the Women's Board, and the desire and purposes of the Church to crown the work by establishing a Christian college, and

Whereas, The Board believes that the establishing of Sheldon Jackson College supplements and completes the work of higher Christian education which has providentially grown out of the Mission School work of the Board, and

Whereas, It is believed that the school known as the "Salt Lake Collegiate Institute" now owned and controlled by this Board, is the natural preparatory department of said College, and

Whereas, The Board does not desire or purpose to erect the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute into a college, but believes that by uniting it with Sheldon Jackson College the cuase of Christ will be more rapidly advanced and His kingdom the more firmly established in Utah to the glory of God, therefore be it

Resolved I. That the Board hereby authorizes the changing of the name of said school from "Salt Lake Collegiate Institute" to "The Preparatory Department of Sheldon Jackson Nollege."

Resolved II. That the Woman's Board are hereby authorized and empowered to continue to direct, control and support the said Preparatory Department of Sheldon Jackson College until such time as certain conditions hereinafter specified are complied with by said College.

Resolved III. That the property - lands, buildings and equipment - known as "The Salt Lake Collegiate Institute" be transferred to the Trustees of Sheldon Jackson College, under the following conditions:

1st . That the same shall be made secure to the Presbyterian Church forever for the purposes of Christian education; and to that end and no mortageg shall ever be placed thereon : otherwise the property shall revert to this Board.

2nd. That the Trustees of Sheldon Jackson College shall, by formal action, agree that on or before September 1st, 1901 they will accept title to the said property, and assume complete control , provide for the entire support of the said Preparatory Department; it being agreed, that in the case of failure to accept title on or before the date named and provide for full support then the institution shall revert to its former status and name in order that the Woman's Board may present to auxiliary societies its own work as heretofore.

3rd. That pending the transfer of property and assumption of control and support of said Preparatory Department by the College, no appeals shall be made to the auxiliary societies of the Woman's Board for funds in the name of Sheldon Jackson College.

Resolved IV. That the above conditions being understood and agreed to, the prospective transfer may be announced, and the students of the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute be counted, as belonging to the Preparatory Department of the College.

January 23, 1.

Rev. H. Richmond Marsh, M. D.,
Joliet, Illinois.

Dear Doctor:

Yours of January 10th is received and am very glad to hear that you have a prospect of finding me a medical missionary for St. Lawrence Island. As soon as you find out let me know.

With kind regards to your own and your father's family, I remain,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 22, [illegible]1.

Mr. S. Edgar Briggs,
Fleming H. Revell Co.,
#158 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

I greatly regret to say that I will not be able to complete the book on Alaska Missions in time for publication this present year, or at least not before next fall, and I am not sure of doing it at that time. I am unwilling to dash off something in a crude way I have all the facts and figures and knowledge to write a standard work, and I want to write such a work that future historians will draw from it for their materials. So I will have to ask for your xx still further indulgence.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 23, 1.

J. Miller Kenyon,
#617 Fourteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It gives me pleasure to foreward Mrs. Craighead's signature to the paper which you left with me. I overtook her in California.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 23,   1,

Rev. George Bailey,
#828 Ridge Avenue,
Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Bailey:

Yours of January 18th was awaiting my return to Washington. I feel as you do, that Mrs. Thaw's proposition to donate $10,000.⁰⁰ is the commencement of her liberality towards the College. Whenever she commences a benevolence she is very apt to keep up her interest from year to year. I think there will be no trouble to meet her wishes in most of her suggestions, at least as one trustee I am willing to have the control of the College changed from the Presbytery to the Synod, as it will enlarge our constituency, and increase the number of those who will take a special interest in it.

I am also willing to have the first building called Main or Executive Building. With regard to building the first building, I think Mrs. Thaw looks at it now differently from what she did when you met her. She was not aware that we could not get a deed to the campus until we had erected a building and she does not seem to have comprehended the fact that the Board of Home Missions had agreed to turn over the Collegiate Institute without the payment of any money other than the pledge of the trustees to raise the running expenses of the

Preparatort Department.

I had quite a full talk with Mrs. Thaw on Monday afternoon and regret that I did not know where to look for you although I was in no condition to be outside in the rain, as I was suffering from an attack of the grippe complicated with laryngitis. The returns of my tour through Erie Presbytery have not yet been received, but I am quite sure from remarks made, that it will aggregate $1,000.^{oo} to the College; possibly more.

I hope you have found encouragement in your canvass.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

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January 23, 1.

Mr. Joseph Fornas,
Private Secretary to
H.R.H. IL DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI,
Turin, Italy.

My dear Sir:

Your very kind letter of December 21, 1900, informing me that Prince Lugi had directed you to foreward me a copy of his ascent of Mt. St. Elias with H. R. H. autograph, and that you had sent it by the same post is received. I have been waiting, thinking possibly that the book had not come over on the same steamer with the letter, but as it has not yet arrived I thought that I had better notify you so that you can ask the postal officials to look it up and see what has become of it.

Regretting the necessity of giving you this trouble, I am,

Dear Sir, Yours respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

January 23,   1.

Mr. Joseph M. Huston,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Mr. Huston:

Your bill of January 22nd against the College at Salt Lake for $500.°° is received. I am glad to be able to send you a check for $100.°° on account, which is the first money that has come into my hands for the College for many months. I regret that I have not more to send at present. You will remember that when we were talking about it, I asked you what the expense would be, and you said "not much, that you would simply charge the College the actual expense of the clerk in doing the work;" and left the impression on my mind that there would be very little charge.

I ought to have pressed you further and asked you what you thought it would amount to approximately. If you had told me in reply to such a question---$200.°°--- I would have promptly replied that you need not go any farther as the College was so situated that it could not afford to pay even that amount. In these first years we are struggling to meet incidental expenses and pay the salaries of the teachers. I understand that the salaries of the professors have not been paid for nine months, and that one of them is borrowing money at 12 % interest to meet his family expenses. Knowing well these difficulties, I would not have encouraged, as said before, even the expense of $200.°°. I am sure that if you were a member of the Board of Trustees and could see the self-denial of the professors, and friends of the institution through these past five years, working to get the college, so important to the interests of the whole church and country, on its feet that you would deny yourself to make the institution a large donation personally, and would canvass among your friends for further amounts. The importance is so great and the need so urgent that the last General Assembly departed from its usual course of refusing to recommend special institutions to the church, recommended this institution for help. I hope to be in Philadelphia shortly when I will call. Please send me receipt in duplicate that I may retain one myself and foreward the other to the Treasurer of the College.

Thanking you for your past interest in the work, I remain,

Yours truly,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

Enclosure.

Harriet T. A.

Harriette T. A

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